NEW Morris County 4-H Fair Dates
July 15-19, 2015

This year, the Fair will take place over five days, from July 15-19.

On Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00pm-10:00pm, the public will be able to enjoy amusement rides, food, entertainment, and some 4-H exhibits.

On Thursday, July 16, the Fair will officially open at 4:00pm. The parade of clubs and opening ceremonies will begin at 7:15pm. Amusement rides, entertainment, exhibits, and food will all be available to the public.

The Fair will be a fun five days full of exciting activities.

There are plenty of opportunities for clubs, members, families, and friends can help make the Fair a success. Sign up for a job shift wherever you can.

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 club 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.

More Fair information found on pages 13-18

National Volunteer Week is April 12-18, 2015

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who continue to "make the best, better" for Morris County youth!
Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to spring and a new season of 4-H events and activities. This winter has been hanging on forever with snow continuing up through March. We know that flowers will be popping up all over and green leaves will be returning to the trees soon.

With the change in the seasons come exciting 4-H events including the State 4-H Dog Show, County and State Public Presentations, and several Rutgers science events. New this year is the Super Cool Middle School Lock-in on April 17th and the 4-H Babysitter Training on June 27th. Be sure to check the Morris County 4-H website for more details on these and other upcoming 4-H events.

Our 4-H Fair is just a few short months away and we’ve added more hours for fairgoers! Mark your calendars now for July 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. As always, we need everyone’s help the weeks before and after the Fair. 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 !!!

Kelly Dziak                   Kathy Murarik      Donna Pomel

Remember, 4-H is for Everyone, Everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.

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.
Upcoming 4-H Events

**Morris County 4-H Public Presentations Night**

**May 1st**

(Deadline: April 10th)

Each year, 4-H members give a presentation to a small audience of family, friends, and caring adult volunteers. Each presenter receives constructive feedback on their performance and recognition for their hard work. Practicing your public presentation skills is a crucial part of the 4-H experience. Don’t miss out on your chance to share your knowledge, improve your public speaking skills, and learn from other 4-H members. See page 6 for more information.

Visit the [http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/) to learn more.

**Super Cool Teen Overnight**

**April 17-18th, 8:00pm-8:00am**

(Deadline: April 13th)

4-H youth in Grades 6-10 are invited to attend this overnight event. This year’s theme is LIVE STRONG: Learn how to be the best version of you through healthy living activities, team building games, friendly competitions and opportunities to learn and practice leadership skills. **Space is very limited to first come, first served.** Visit the [http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/) to learn more.

**Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Campaign**

**April 22nd-May 3rd**

All 4-H members, families, clubs, and volunteers are invited to help spread the word about 4-H during the spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. During this event, shoppers at the Tractor Supply in Flanders can make a donation to support 4-H on the county, state, and national level. Clubs can encourage shoppers to donate just by greeting them at the door.

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 25-26 or May 2-3, please let us know so that we can make arrangements at the store.

A portion of the money collected directly supports the Morris County 4-H program.
# Upcoming 4-H Events

## Rutgers Day & State 4-H Dog Show

**April 25th, 10:00am-4:00pm**

Rutgers Day will 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. Visit [http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/](http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/) for all activities.

![Rutgers Day Logo](image)

## Rutgers Adventures Series: Build an Insect

**May 9th**

Join Rutgers scientists and other youth in grades 5-8 as you explore these fascinating topics. Learn more about these and other opportunities at [http://4hset.rutgers.edu/calendar/](http://4hset.rutgers.edu/calendar/). Youth will explore Rutgers Garden with graduate students from the Entomology Department. We will collect insects using a variety of field techniques and learn how to preserve and display them. Participants will take home an insect display kit.

![Insect Image](image)

## Becoming An Outdoor Family Weekend

**May 15-17th**

Come join us 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. Learn more at [http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/).

![Outdoor Activities Image](image)

## Rutgers Adventures Series: Bat Tracking

**May 29th**

Join Rutgers scientists and other youth in grades 5-8 as you explore these fascinating topics. Learn more about these and other opportunities at [http://4hset.rutgers.edu/calendar/](http://4hset.rutgers.edu/calendar/). In this program youth will work with Wildlife Biologist Dr. Brooke Maslo on her exciting research on identifying the echolocation calls of bats. Participants will learn how to find and track local species of bats using the latest technology. Space is limited!
Upcoming 4-H Events

4-H Babysitter Training
June 27th
Do you want to start a babysitting business, but don’t know how? Are you looking for new games and activities to keep younger kids busy? Are you ready to step up your babysitting skills? Then don’t miss out on this training provided by 4-H. Teens will be trained in a variety of babysitting skills including First Aid, what to do in an emergency, basic business development, healthy snacks for kids, and so much more! Participants will receive a babysitter kit containing additional resources to start a successful babysitting business. Check the Morris County 4-H website for more details as they develop.

MICRO Camp
June 29th-July 2nd
Make, Imagine, Create, Research and Originate. These are the principles behind all of our creative science courses offered in our MICRO-Camp. Each camper selects a different class that will challenge their imagination and test their problem solving skills. Campers will get to experience some favorite camp games, waterfront activities and a several summer camp course area classes. MICRO Camp is a great experience for campers who are into all sorts of crazy science and technology, first time campers who want to give summer camp a try, and campers who already love Lindley G. Cook and just can’t get enough camp. MICRO Camp is available to children grades 4th-8th. The cost of the program is $350 per child.

4-H Summer Camp
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. The unplugged environment of camp allows campers to try new things, open new doors, meet new challenges and make new friends. 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. 4-H Members get $50 off their registration! Learn more at http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or email 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu.

Choose from six fun-filled weeks of summer camp.
- July 6-11: Viking Week
- July 13-18: Jurassic Week
- July 20-25: Chaos
- July 27-Aug 1: Ol’ West Week
- August 3-8: Spy Week
- August 10-15: Camp Smorgasbord
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 13th at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

Prepare Well for Public Presentations

This year’s Public Presentation event will take place on Friday, May 1 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!

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! Email photos to 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Morris County 4-H Newsflash

Are you receiving the Morris County 4-H Newsflash? This bi-weekly email is sent to all 4-H members, families, volunteers, and friends. The emails contain important deadlines, links to valuable information, and 4-H announcements. If you are not currently receiving the Newsflash and would like to be included in the email distribution, contact the 4-H office at 973-285-8301.
**4-H Reminders**

### Calling all 4-H Clubs!
Want to help spread the word about 4-H, recruit new members, and encourage people to visit the 4-H Fair? Then you can help represent Morris County 4-H at two exciting events. Contact the 4-H office to learn more.

- **Kinnelon Earth Fair**—April 25th
- **Lake Hopatcong Block Party**—May 9th
- **NJSPCA Pet Expo**—June 13th

### 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.

### 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.

### National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
Teen Council member, Jessica Zhang, was selected as one of four NJ delegates to this exciting event in Washington, D.C. Jessica was trained last fall as a Food & Fitness Ambassador. She is eager to share her knowledge on healthy living with 4-H members and clubs. We are very proud of Jessica for being selected to represent Morris County 4-H at the national level.

*Congratulations, Jessica!*

### NJ Goat Extravaganza
The NJ Goat Extravaganza was held on January 10 in Hunterdon County. 46 4-H members represented clubs from six counties. Representing Morris County were Charlize and Kailey Sinko, members of the Just Kid ‘n’ Around 4-H goat club. Charlize received 2nd place in the Photography Junior division. Kailey received 2nd and 3rd place in the Photography Novice division. Kailey also participated in the Poster Presentation Contest (2nd place) and the Skill-a-thon Novice division (3rd place). *Congratulations Charlize and Kailey!*
**Around the County**

**Teen Winter Camp—January 23-25, 2015**

It was another fantastic weekend at this year’s 4-H Teen Winter Camp at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forrest. Several inches of fresh snow kept teens busy sledding all weekend. In addition to all day sledding, teens enjoyed a variety of activities including woodworking, knit/crochet projects, making lip balm and bath salts, board games, cooking, and (new this year) shooting sports. Everyone was busy trying new things, meeting new friends, and making fun memories.

In attendance were 4-H teens from Morris, Gloucester, Salem, Mercer, and Hunterdon counties. Morris County had the largest participation with 17 teens! Special thanks to chaperone Keith Small who provided the shooting sports activities and Kelly Dziak who led the Friday night Minute-to-Win-it Challenges.

Next year, if you are in grades 8-13, be sure to register for this fun-filled weekend. We’d love to have you join in the fun!

*Thank You to our Winter Camp Participants!*

Erin DeBiasse  
Christopher DeRosa  
Katharine Dodge  
Kate Dollar  
Jason Fiumefreddo  
Justin Fiunefreddo  
Mikayla Harris  
Mary Johnson  
Elizabeth Kaufmann  
Elizabeth McNaughton  
Sophia Pettine  
Maria Russell  
Morgan Sanchez  
Anna Sikes  
Robert Szumski  
Samantha Zarzycki  
Clayton Zdroik
4-H visits Science Fairs

We have been busy spreading the word about 4-H and science at local Science Fairs this winter. We visited the Chester Science Fair at Black River Middle School and the Long Valley Jr. Women's Club Science Fair at Long Valley Middle School. Thanks to Charlie Pomel, Donna Pomel, and the Herpetology Heroes 4-H club for representing Morris County 4-H!


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 “4-H World’s Fair” with workshops that explored world leaders, different foods, and world languages. Many workshops were led by teen members of the planning committee.

Morris County 4-Hers, Clayton Zdroik and Kimberly Cronin led a workshop titled “World Leaders” which taught participants about different leadership styles and discussed important world leaders in history. Kimberly Cronin also co-led a workshop titled “Taste the World” which explored how similar foods are prepared in different ways across cultures.

Following the workshops, NJTC participants traveled to Dave and Busters at the Palisades Mall. 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!
Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade—March 14, 2015

Despite the cold, wet weather, 10,000 people came out to see the parade. The parade of 122 groups included traditional Bagpipe bands, Irish step dancers, animal rescue groups, 4-H, and so much more.

Several 4-H families braved the weather to ensure 4-H was well represented at the parade. Club members from the Buckaneers, Feathered Friends, Wing Nuts, Dogs ‘R’ Us, and Shutterbugs were decked out in their finest greenery. Returning this year was the famous Wing Nuts duck who proudly rode in a special red wagon. We had a great float this year, decorated by 4-Hers. 4-H was also represented by 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. We look forward to marching with you all next year!
**4-H Science-sational Day—March 28, 2015**

What an incredible day! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Morris County 4-H Science-sational Day a huge success. This was our largest yet with 180 youth participants! The 4-H office has received tremendous feedback from parents sharing how much fun their kids had and everything they learned. A big thank you to our workshop presenters for sharing a love for science with the kids. Did you know workshops can be led by 4-H clubs? Start thinking now on how your club can take part in this popular event.

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**Rutgerscience Saturdays Report**

On Saturday Feb 7th we attended the Rutgers Science Saturday class on microbes. We studied the difference between good and bad microbes. We really enjoyed making microscope slides with yogurt, fish tank water, and cheese and other things. We also really liked the Jeopardy game where we had to answer questions about microbes for points which were called money. At the end we could bet the "money" for a harder question and the winning teams won giant stuffed microbes which we thought were very cute. At the end of the everyone received a Rutgers notebook and pen. We think these classes are good for kids 9 and up.

It was in Rutgers college in New Brunswick. The school gave us a delicious healthy lunch that included fruit and sandwiches. We think most kids would enjoy these classes and we are looking forward to going to the next one.—

*Submitted by Gemma James and Johanna Pipoli*

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**4-H Discover the Leader in You! Conference**

Sixty-nine 4-H members representing 18 counties participated in this exciting event on March 14th and March 21st. This conference provides an opportunity for middle school age youth to learn about and develop leadership knowledge and skills through large and small group interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and guest speakers. In addition, conference participants meet 4-Hers from across NJ, make new friends, and gain valuable life skills including understanding self, communicating, getting along with others, decision making, and working with groups. Representing Morris County 4-H was Johanna Pipoli. Ask Johanna about her experience and what she learned!
4-Footed Leaders
We are proud to announce two new puppies have joined the club! Meet Jaspers: He’s a yellow Labrador who gets to go to work at a school with his puppy raiser every day. He loves seeing the students and helps with bus duty rain or shine! Meet Edwin: He’s a very handsome German Shepherd. He loves to play and knows his commands. He’s a very good walker, and important skills for a Seeing Eye dog. Both are on their way to being Seeing Eye dogs and making us proud! - Submitted by Caleb Fornes

Buckaneers
In February, the Buckaneers had a Valentine party and club members exchanged cards and shared snacks. They celebrated with their true loves, the small animals. The Buckaneers club met at Tractor supply just before Easter to inform people that furry rabbits are not good Easter gifts. The club sold homemade people and dog treats and talked to customers about rabbit responsibility. Everyone had fun. - Submitted by Johanna Pipoli

Dogs ‘R’ Us
Our club has been busy with many things this winter. We have been training our dogs at Camp Bow-Wow in Morris Plains. It is a really nice place to train and not too far away from our regular meeting place. Johanna and her mom, Corrine, Erin T. and her mom and our leader Kathy marched with our dogs in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. It was lots of fun even though it rained. We also planned and ran a workshop called Doggone Crazy for the Science-sational Day. Our dogs Jesse with Kate, Lander with Johanna, Remy with Sammi, Buddy with Erin T. and Smarty Pants with Corrine helped us teach the classes about how to approach a dog and how to make and put on a muzzle. It was lots of fun and the dogs really enjoyed all of the attention that they got.

Kids 4 Kindness
Members of the Kids 4 Kindness club taught local residents basic technology skills at the Washington Township Public Library. Members helped participants figure out their smart phones, tablets, cameras, and other equipment.

Puppy Tails
Members brought six puppies to the Centenary College campus to greet students before the enter the dining hall every Tuesday. This helps the puppies get comfortable around many different people and environments in preparation for their work as a guide dog. It also helps the students relax to see a friendly puppy like Mocha, Colette, Paula, Halo, Falco, and Starlet.

Teen Council
Members in the Teen Council club have been very busy this winter. This year, the club has committed to visit the CareOne facility in Whippany on a regular basis. During these visits, members have delivered hand-made cards, played games with the residents, and led arts and crafts activities. They are looking forward to more visits as the weather continues to warm up.

Shutterbugs
Shutterbugs had a special meeting at a home of a club member to work on the banner for the parade. This new club is excited to be creating new designs. — Submitted by Johanna Pipoli

Wing Nuts
The Wing Nuts had an egg party. The members brought food such as; Meringue, quiche, and deviled eggs (complete with horns). During the party the club met new Farmer Dan who comes from VA. He is very excited to be working 4-H. — Submitted by Johanna Pipoli
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. 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:

- Horticulture Chairperson
- Fair Announcer Manager
- Entertainment Asst. Manager (on-site)
- Fair Photographers
- Crafts Division Chairperson
- Solid Waste & Recycling Asst. Manager
- Corporate Volunteer Recruiter
- Fair Ambassadors
- Office Trailer Customer Service
- Finance Asst. Manager

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 11 & 12. 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. Questions? Call the 4-H office at 973 285-8301. Here are some 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-Hers 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
DISCOVERIES

2015 4-H Fair

**IMPORTANT FAIR MEETING!**

*May 14 7PM*

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

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**Club Pages for the Yearbook**

It’s time to start designing your club’s yearbook page! The page should tell people about your club, include photos or drawings representing the club’s activities, and encourage new members to join. Be as creative as you like! This is a great opportunity to showcase your club.

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 are due to the office *no later* than Friday, June 12th. Late entries will not be published.

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**Tricky Tray Gift Baskets Needed**

This year’s Tricky Tray will be held on *Saturday night, July 18* 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 solicit stores for gifts or gift certificates. Each club is also asked to donate baskets. Some clubs make designing their baskets a meeting activity.

Please bring gift items to the fairgrounds and deliver them to the Information Booth on Saturday or Sunday, July 11-12 during Family Set-up days, Wednesday evening, July 15th during check-in, or Thursday or Friday, July 17-18.

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.

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**Overnight at the Fair**

Anyone (both youth and adults) who stays overnight at the fairgrounds must submit a permission form to the 4-H office by *Monday, July 13th*. Forms can be downloaded from the 4-H website at [http://njaes.rutgers.edu](http://njaes.rutgers.edu).

*Remember:*

- All youth must be accompanied by a parent or an authorized 4-H volunteer.
- Permission forms for both youth and adults must be complete (with all required signatures).
- Everyone will be assigned evening and morning responsibilities to ensure the fairgrounds is clean and projects are kept safe overnight.
- Staying overnight at the Fair is a *privilege*. Everyone is expected to follow the rules and guidance of the overnight coordinator.

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**Country Store Needs Donations**

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.
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!

Yearbook and Fair Theme Design Contest

Got an idea for this year's 4-H Fair theme? Thinking of a design for the yearbook cover? Send us your ideas!

Think about what the Fair means to you and incorporate this fact into your design. Make sure your design represents all of 4-H, not just your specific club.

Submit your entry to the 4-H office by Wednesday, May 13th. You may enter as many designs as you wish, but each entry must include your name, phone number, and club on the back. Designs must 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: The Fun Starts Here!”

By Parris Johnson of Teen Council 4-H Club

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 all the rides during 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 973 285-8311 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.
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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 during 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 7, 7PM - Food Tent Meeting**
Any club that is planning to sell food of any type must attend this important meeting!

**May 14, 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 16th 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 Wednesday-Sunday, **July 15-19, 2015**, 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. Entry forms may also be found online. 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 15**, 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 19**. 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 19**. 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?

- Pre-register your exhibits.
- 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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