Morris County 4-H Fair Dates — July 19, 20, 21, 22

This year the Fair will take place on July 19, 20, 21, and 22. On Thursday evening, July 19, the Fair will open at 5 p.m. and fair-goers will be able to go on rides, attend opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m and enjoy live entertainment that evening. On Friday evening, there will be fireworks!

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’s plenty of jobs to go around! Also, 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 Fair sleepovers can be downloaded online at http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu or call the office if you need a Fair sleepover application.

Welcome Kelly Allison, 4-H Program Associate

Morris County 4-H is pleased to welcome Kelly Allison as the new 4-H Program Associate. Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a specialization in developmental disabilities from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Kelly is also already familiar with 4-H in Morris County. Since 2010, she has served as the New Jersey 4-H Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Project Coordinator which is housed in the Morris County office. She has assisted at many Morris County 4-H events including fair, public presentations, awards night, and Science-Sational Day. Having grown up in the 4-H dog project and serving as a 4-H fair intern for three years, Kelly is excited to get started in her new role as 4-H Program Associate.

Feel free to stop by and welcome Kelly next time you are in the 4-H office. She can be reached at Allison@njaes.rutgers.edu or by calling 973-285-8300 x229.
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. Our very popular Be-The-Change Camp is scheduled for June 25 – June 29. 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 19, 20, 21 and 22. This year we have a great lineup of activities. Remember, we have extended our fair one more day, starting on Thursday evening at 5 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 !!!

Rachel Lyons
Kathy Murarik
Kelly Allison

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.

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Hats Off & Kudos

Jacob Harris, one of Morris County's 4-H Members of the Year recently attended the State Agricultural Convention Delegates' Dinner. Jacob received recognition in a recent edition of the Daily Record newspaper. Congratulations, Jacob!

Daily Record - February 12, 2012
Jacob Harris of Dover (center), seen here with state Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher (left) and Henry DuBois, president of the State Board of Agriculture, attended the State Agricultural Convention Delegates' Dinner last month in Atlantic City. Harris, who was named Morris County 4-H Member of the Year, participated in a long-standing tradition, the presentation of the agricultural youth leaders to the convention delegates.

Courtesy of State Department of Agriculture

Thank You North Jersey Teen Conference Participants March 9-11
"NJTC The New Frontier - Explore the Possibilities" was the theme of this year's North Jersey Teen Conference. Over 100 4-Hers gathered together from across northern New Jersey; including 21 teens from Morris County. Teens learned about issues they face now and will in the future through hands-on workshops and programs. Friday evening activities featured an Interactive Dinner Theatre themed on the wild west. Saturday activities included a variety of great workshops including a "Fairytale Challenge". Teens visited 10 challenge stations based on fairytales and storybooks. Throughout the conference, participants had the opportunity to expand their horizons, meet new people, and learn to survive the challenges that life has to offer.

Welcome Gradin Aaron Roth!
Glenn Roth, leader of Radical Rockeeters 4-H Club is proud to announce the birth of his grandson Gradin Aaron Roth. Gradin was born on March 23, 2012 at 12:50 PM and weighed 6 lbs. Congratulations to the Roth family!

Robert Armstrong
Katelyn Baumgartner
Michael Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Zach Becker
Chris Blewett
Gena Blewett
Alin Bojkovic
Kimberly Cronin
Patrick DeBiasse
Leah Diaz
Carly Ellis
Brittney Forrest
Diana Hamer
Jake Harris
Melanie Kolacy
Blair Nulk
William Sikes
Allie Waldron
Jennifer Wells
Sammie Zarzycki
Teen Winter Camp 2012

Despite having no snow for sledding, teens at this year’s Winter Camp were kept busy with more than enough activities. From January 27-29, teens from Morris, Gloucester, Mercer, Burlington, and Salem gathered at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp for a fun-filled weekend.

Friday night’s icebreakers got everyone talking, laughing, and excited for the weekend. Saturday’s activities included two hikes, line dancing, karaoke, Giant Jenga, and broomball. Between activities, teens enjoyed a variety of craft projects including sock puppets, clay pens, wood carving, t-shirt decorating, and knitting.

All too soon this busy weekend came to an end and it was time to say good-bye until next year. Winter Camp is always a blast and we hope to see you there next year!

Welcome new 4-H Clubs and Leaders!

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

**Roxbury Riders Horse Club** - Leader Jan Dimichino (a former 4-Her & mom of Sarah, Rachael & Rebecca)

**Clogging Club** - Leader Robin McWilliams (mom of Reilly & Taylor)

**Adventure Seekers** - New Cloverbud Club

**Buckanears 4-H Club** has a new leader! Renee Dollar (mom of Katie) will be the new leader of this club.

Welcome all new 4-Hers and Leaders!!

NJ State 4-H Dog Bowl Results

Congratulations to the 2012 Morris County Junior Dog Bowl Team Members who took 1st place of 6 teams in this year’s competition at Burlington County on January 21. This is the second year in a row that Morris County won 1st place.

Kate Dodge, Morgan Sanchez

Thomas Matney, Corrine Rybarski

Kent Sanchez — Alternate Team Member; Kent played on the Middlesex County team

Congratulations to each team member who received honors for their individual high scores:

Kate Dodge (3rd place)  Corrine Rybarski (7th Place)
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 23rd to Tuesday, November 27th. National 4-H Congress is a long weekend for 4-H teens around the nation in grades 9-12 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)285-8300 x3.

Prepare Well for Public Presentations

This year’s Public Presentation event will take place on Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris County College 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 9. 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.

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! This could be music, art, dance, drawing, photography, writing, filmmaking, puppetry etc. You can register as a group or individually. Registration due on April 13. Contact Ellen Williams: @732-932-9214 or Williams@njaes.rutgers.edu for registration and permission forms.

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 973-285-8300 ext 3.

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—I  ___ 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 ____________________________
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 in three to five minutes.

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

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

4) **Sign Up Early:** There is a public presentations sign up sheet in the back of this newsletter. Parents: please take the time to help your Cloverbud fill it out and hand it in no later than April 13. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for April 20, 2012 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 9th** at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

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

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**
Belmar Recreation Gym
601 Main St., Belmar, NJ

The Show catalog can be found on our website: [http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?id=3202](http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?id=3202)

Contact (732) 431-7260 with any questions

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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.

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Save the Date!
**September 8, 2012**
NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal & Poultry Show

Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill

Registration Packet will be available in May
Please send in your pictures!!

E-mail 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 a duplicate original to:
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of
Morris County
4-H Youth Development
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Would your Club like to raise money for their activities?

Get together at Wendy's and earn 15% of all sales when your group meets to enjoy their favorite meal.

1. Talk to your local Wendy's about setting up your meeting on Monday-Thursday from 5-8 PM.
2. Tell family and friends to dine at Wendy's during your meeting time.
3. Your group gets to help out during the event.
4. Your group earns 15% of all sales during the hours of your event.

Contact your local Wendy's to find out more!

Free!

30 Gallon Aquarium Tank with stand, heat lamp and misc. accessories
Contact Darlene Golinski
973 627-7957

Free!

Large Rabbit cage with Hutch
Contact Wendy Weigel
908 879-5742

We salute all of our wonderful 4-H volunteers this National Volunteer Week April 15-21

Just as every flower needs to have sunshine, so every volunteer's contribution adds up to a garden full of activity here at the Morris County 4-H Program.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

Horse Club Members

Save These State Event Dates

State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest
Sat.-Sun. April 14-15, Sussex County

State 4-H Equestrian of The Year Contest
Sat. August 18, Monmouth County

State 4-H Horse Show
Fri. Sat. Sun. August 24, 25, and 26

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!
Around the County

2012 Horse Photo Contest

- Contest is for Amateur photographers only
- Entries deadline Friday, May 25 - Photos must be in on that date
- 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 908-782-4747 ext.646 or e-mail: horsenews@hcdemocrat.com.

Tractor Supply Stores Spring Paper Clover Campaign

May 2 - 13 are the dates for the 4-H Spring Paper Clover Campaign at the 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, 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.

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.
Club News from Around the County

Feathered Friends
The 4-H Feathered Friends have been busy this fall. We meet every third Monday at Highview Farms and are led by Rosanne Oblen and Glen Zdroik. At our first meeting we elected our officials and got to know each other. We had a nice size turn out and made lots of new friends. For the 4-H fundraiser at Tractor Supply, a great window display was made by club members and it even won an award at the awards ceremony. Several club members brought in chickens to help raise awareness for the poultry club. Kailey and Charlice brought in 3 Frizzles.

At our second meeting we went on Monster Truck rides instead of doing a corn maze, oh what fun it was!! We picked volunteers to bring chickens in November. Chris and Kluane volunteered and brought in an Amrock Rooster named Fester.

On December 17th we had our bake sale at Tractor Supply. Everyone did a great job baking and we doubled our money that we made last year. Way to go!!

During our December meeting we had our Christmas Party. Goody bags were given out and we had the left-over goods from the bake sale as our snacks! We also all came in with our club chicken hopefuls, we vote on that at our January meeting. We will let you know the results of that in the next Discoveries...... Happy Healthy New Year to all!

Submitted by- Kluane Ershow

Adventure Seekers
On April 2 the new Clover-bud club held their first meeting at the Chester Library. During the short business meeting, members practiced saying the pledges, created personalized nametags, and voted on a club name. The newly titled "Adventure Seekers" club members spent the rest of the meeting learning about the American and 4-H flags. They also prepared materials for their club banner.

Dogs ‘R’ Us
At our February meeting we talked about the State Dog Bowl. Our team won 1st place in the Jr. Division. (See our pictures on Page 4.) We played against six other teams. We talked about the State Dog Show and the idea that our club might sell soda as a fund raiser. Thomas Matney practiced his presentation on the solar system. He gave a power point presentation.

At our March meeting we talked about the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Kate and Erin marched with their dogs. Kate went to the Woof Dog Show with Jesse. Morgan practiced her presentation on How to Make Chocolate Covered Pretzels. We all got to eat them afterwards and they were delicious.

At the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, we marched with our dogs and carried our banner.

Submitted by- Kent Sanchez
**Roxbury Riders**
The Roxbury Riders held our first meeting on Thursday March 22nd. Present were Sarah, Rachael and Rebecca Dimichino and the three Dimichino horses, Bubba, Summer Rain, and Serenity and Peter Millus, a new 4-Her and charter member of the club!

To celebrate our new club we played games on horseback. We did Egg and Spoon Races, Red Light - Green Light and Ball Toss in the Bucket. Peter rode Bubba, Jan rode Summer Rain and Sarah rode Serenity and Becca led the games. After the games we groomed the horses and fed them.

We held another meeting on Friday March 23rd. Donovan Honeywell, a new 4-H member, attended this meeting along with Sarah, Rachael and Rebecca Dimichino. We discussed our summer plans for the Fair and reviewed Parliamentary Procedure. Our club is off to a great start!

Submitted by - Rebecca Dimichino

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**ClayBusters**
ClayBusters are busy taking training courses that will allow them to be instructors at 4-H Outdoor Family Camp. On April 27-29, ClayBusters Billy Small, Gary Rauco Jr., Brian Scanlan and Scott Ellis, along with leader Jim Scanlan, will attend the Shotgun Training course at the LG Cook 4-H Camp. This will allow them to be instructors at 4-H Outdoor Family Weekend on May 18-20.

On May 12, ClayBusters members will place flags on veteran’s graves at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockaway.

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**Radical Rocketeers**
Here are some pictures of Radical Rocketeers and their dads building parachutes from “scratch” at a recent meeting.

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Check out the National 4-H website

http:// 4-h.org
The site has great 4-H information, links, and resources!

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Next Discoveries deadline is **June 6**.
Thank You for all your great submissions and pictures!
Please continue to send your club information & updates for Discoveries.
 Clover Ups
This has been a fun and busy year for the Clover Ups 4-H Group! On a beautiful sunny day we went on a hike up Pyramid Mountain, enjoying the fresh air and lush scenery. We met at the 4-H building to experience our senses, including trying to identify interesting scents, figure out which part of the tongue tastes sweet, salty and sour flavors. We tried to identify shapes based on the shadows they cast and more. We learned about art including repetitive designs, symmetry on paper, and made beautiful designs with unusual materials. We went bike riding all around Horseshoe Lake park, then played on the playground. We had 3 potluck dinners at various member's homes.

We went camping at Dingman's Ferry, and rafting down the Delaware. There was a group of teenage kayakers on the river where we stopped for lunch, and they worked with our kids to fashion a mini natural waterslide and each of our kids took turns on the cool ride. We took a tour of Bobolink Farm and sampled homemade cheese & bread baked in a wood oven- yum! We each did several science experiments including making lemon soda, working with static electricity, and making a lava lamp. We baked holiday cookies and delivered them to the Market Street Mission in Morris-town. We had a blast snowtubing at Camelback Mountain, then warmed up in the lodge during lunch.

Another favorite was Ort Farm, where we went pumpkin picking, enjoyed a hayride, fed the animals and navigated through the corn maze. We went orienteering at Rutgers. We had fun on our joint trip with the Cloverbuds in Jefferson to The Eyes of the Wild - including a terrific animal show, crafts, games, and the touch tank. The climbing structure at Eyes of the Wild had little tanks with surprising creatures nestled throughout, which the kids discovered as they played. We went bowling at Rockaway Lanes. They really made it fun for us, including bumpers on the lanes, and laser lights, lively music and tons of very light bowling balls. We went to the Chocolate Festival at the Morris Museum and as an added bonus we got to see an amazing Lego exhibit on display there. We went to the maple sugaring festival at the Great Swamp in Chatham, including making sugar maple candy. We went to the Growing Stage Theater in Newton to see Seussical. Our upcoming events include roller skating at Florham Park, a trip to the Longo Planetarium and indoor rock climbing.
Save The Date!

4-H Northeast Region Volunteer E-Forum 2012

Monday, October 29
Monday, November 5
Monday, November 12
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join other 4-H volunteers in your community to learn cutting-edge information that will help you work with your 4-H members. Sessions include:

- Dealing with Difficult People/Conflict Resolution
- Behavior Management in Positive Youth Development Settings
- Working with Multi-Aged Youth in Club Setting

All 4-H leaders are invited to participate in the E-Forums at the 4-H office. 4-H Association Vice President Jim Newquist will be the facilitator. Dinner will be served.

Message from President Beverly Hahn

It’s only March, and I’m already concerned about what the recent warm, dry weather bodes for the Fair. Aren’t you?

Adulthood is a curious mixture of living in the present and trying to see the future. How much money should I be putting away for retirement? Will fireworks at the Fair bring in enough additional visitors to make up the expense? Would a spring 4-H club recruitment event actually result in a new club, or just spend volunteers’ time fruitlessly?

We can answer the last question, at least. A 4-H club recruitment program was piggybacked onto two events that had already been planned for March (4-H “Power of Wind” experiment stations at Chester and Long Valley science fairs) and a new club has been formed. Welcome to our new members and volunteers!

In a complicated and often confusing world, there are many facts that will help us navigate the future. Perhaps my favorite such fact is that no knowledge or skill you acquire is ever wasted; you never know when it will come in handy. (For example, memorizing billing codes on my previous job helped me land my current one, and my 4-H Public Presentations experience led to better grades in a college class.)

So, experiment. Read. Volunteer! Volunteer at the Fair! Enrich others by enriching yourself.

Attention Club Leaders

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 and intelligibility.

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!
4-H Summer Camp

L.G. Cook camp is already getting ready for you this summer. Are you ready? Log onto www.nj4camp.rutgers.edu to enroll. All the forms and information parents need will be right on the website to download.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is where campers explore and discover. At L.G. Cook, we build independence and self-confidence in our campers. Our campers “learn by doing” in our 4-H out-of-door, hands-on learning laboratory. Our intentionally small community provides a safe and positive camp experience where each camper can be successful. Our “unplugged” environment encourages campers to try new things, meet new challenges and make new friends; all provided at an affordable price.

The camp is located off Route 206 in Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ. Early enrollment helps ensure your choice of activities. The camp is for those who have completed third grade through tenth grade. Camp begins on Monday, July 2 and continues through mid-August.

This year camp weeks will have themes which include: Patriot Week, Down on the Farm, Decade Week, Everyday is a Holiday, Chaos Week, and Book Week. A special Teen Week will be held August 22-27. The basic camp fee for one week is $500, but there are some discounts for 4-H members, military families, and early-birds.

http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/Camper.html

Join in a Family Outdoor Weekend of Fun!

Who: 4-H Families
What: “Becoming an Outdoor Family,” A special weekend program that offers 4-H families the opportunity to learn a basic understanding of environmental conservation, safety and fun in the outdoors
Where: L.G. Cook 4-H Campground, Branchville, NJ
When: Weekend of May 18-20.
Cost: $75 per family member includes housing, meals, instruction, class materials and equipment

Registration can be found at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/

Science Engineering & Technology Camp (S.E.T.)

June 26 through 29

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. Each camper will chose one workshop topic to explore, with 6 sessions in that topic area. The cost of the camp is $250. Find out more and download registration info at http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/SET.html

Be The Change Camp in Morris County

This year’s Be The Change Camp will take place on Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 based out of the Morris County 4-H Office. The camp is sure to be an exciting experience for teens! There will be plenty of community service projects to get involved with. Be sure to sign up early. Call Rachel Lyons to find out more information about this great opportunity! (973) 285-8300 x3.
4-H Clubs March at St. Patrick’s Day Parade

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 10 in Morristown. The weather was warm and sunny and helped to draw a crowd of at least 50,000. Martha Bardin of the 4-Footed leaders had fun riding on the Seeing Eye parade float. Special thanks to all the 4-H clubs that marched in this year’s parade: Dogs R’ Us, 4-Footed Leaders and Puppy Tails. A great day in green was had by all!

See you next year!
This section of Discoveries will give you all the important information you need to know about the upcoming Fair, July 19—22. 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.

Create Your Club Page For the Fair Yearbook!

Clubs should start putting together an 8 1/2” by 11” club page with a 1/2” border around the edges. The page should include your club’s contact information and tell about your club. You may be as creative as you like. Use black ink or a marker to create your page, as it will be photocopied in black and white. Photos and drawings may also be used.

All club pages should be in the office no later than Friday, June 22. We can’t emphasize enough how helpful it has been in the past when all clubs have cooperated with the deadline. We really appreciate all of the clubs’ efforts on this project and look forward to seeing some very creative pages!

Tricky Tray Gift Baskets

This year’s Tricky Tray will be held on Saturday night, July 21 at the Fair. The Tricky Tray is one of the most anticipated events at the 4-H year. 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 18 between 4 and 9 p.m., or any time during the day on Thursday, July 19, Friday, July 20 or Saturday, July 21. Please bring all gift certificates to the office or fair by Wednesday, July 18! For every sheet of five gifts you collect, you will receive a free sheet of tickets to use at the Tricky Tray.

Volunteers Needed

Fair set up will begin on 9:00 am on Sunday, July 15. 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 member and family member who shows up 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!

Important Fair Meeting!

June 26 7PM

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

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 three 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 go - the salon, car shop, grocery store, dry cleaner, etc.).

Please also ask your own family and 4-H club if they would like to sponsor a tent. Private and corporate sponsorship is necessary to meet Fair expenses. We need to raise over $15,000 for sponsorship. Sponsorship can be as small as $50 and as large as $2,000. Any amount is appreciated. Please contact Kathy in the 4-H office at (973) 285-8300 x3 for more info on how to find Fair sponsors.

Fair Yearbook and Theme Design Contest

Pick your own theme and design your own cover for this year’s Yearbook Cover and 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 16, 2012. 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 “Take a Glimpse Back at Morris County 4-H: Hop on Board It’s Never Too Late”, by Kristen Maegerlein.
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.

• **Give a 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 a club meeting at the Fair, and a private club fair pizza party! Leaders can take the lead on this!

• **Ride on all the rides you want!**
  For $20.00, 4-Hers can purchase a fair wristband that allows them to ride on any ride, at any time, the whole weekend of the Fair. Call Kathy to put your name on the list. Please make your check payable to the Morris County 4-H Association and 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 3rd 7PM - Food Tent Meeting**
Any club that is planning to sell food of any type must attend this important meeting!

**June 26 7PM - 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 19th at 7:30 pm. This year we will begin the parade at the Hayride and march down the courtyard, stopping briefly at the reviewing station by the 4-H Information Station and then on to the horse ring. 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 welcome.

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! Everyone who spends the night needs to fill out a permission slip from the 4-H office.

A copy of this 4-H form can be downloaded 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 Friday-Sunday, **July 19-22, 2012**, 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. 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 18**, between 4 - 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 22**. 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 22**. 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 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.
- Pick up litter and keep the fairgrounds neat and clean.
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4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

April 20, 2012
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 13, 2012
Check which type of presentation you are giving:

__________Demonstration
__________Illustrated Talk
__________Formal Speech
__________Performing Arts

Return to: Morris County 4-H Office
Attn: Public Presentations
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07960
Fax: 973-605-8195
Email: 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu

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______________________________________________________________________
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LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: _________MINUTES (suggested times: Prep 1-5 min, 8th Grade & Up 8-15 Min, others 3-15).

*8th Grade & Up* mandatory 8-15 Minutes long with an Excellent Speech for State Eligibility.

WILL USE SMALL ANIMALS: _____ Yes _____ No Kind: ________________________________
(small animal, dogs acceptable)

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) before April 8, 2011.

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.