



Sussex County 4-H January Newsletter



Important Dates/Deadlines:

January 19- Registrations due for Winter Camp

January 27- 4-H Rutgers Teen Science Cafe: Climate Change, Rutgers Cook Campus

January 26 - *Deadline to Register for North Jersey Teen Conference*

February 9-11 Teen Winter Camp- L. G. Cook 4-H Camp

February 11 - *State Small Animal Educational Symposium registration due*

February 23 - 4-H Ladies Night at the Shotwell Building

February 24 - State Small Animal Educational Symposium, Gloucester County

March 2 - *Night 1 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School*

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

- *Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due to 4-H Office*

- *NJ World Food Prize Youth Institute, Rutgers University*

March 9 - *Night 2 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School*

March 9-11 - *North Jersey Teen Conference, Pompton Plains*

March 10 - Regal Rabbits 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

March 12 - NJ 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest deadline to upload videos

March 16 - *Night 3 of County Public Presentations – McKeown Elementary School*

March 17- Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, Freehold

March 23 - *Night 4 County Public Presentations – Kittatinny Regional High School*

March 29- Sussex County Ag Society Memorial Scholarship Due

April 1 - Sussex County 4-H Foundation Scholarships due *Application can be found [here](#).*

April 7 - Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium, G.H. Cook Campus, Rutgers University

- NJ 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest

April 14 - **Sussex County 4-H presents “Spring Fling” Family Fun Day, Sussex County Fairgrounds**

April 15 - Sussex County Fair Agricultural Scholarship due *Application can be found [here](#).*

April 21 - Small Animal Skill-A-Thon & Showmanship, 4-H Shotwell Building, 6-7:30pm

April 29 - Small Animal Skill-A-Thon & Showmanship, 4-H Shotwell Building, 2-3:30pm

4-H Rutgers Teen Science Cafe: Climate Change

Saturday, January 27th, 2018; 11am-1:30pm

Space is limited so don't wait to [register](#)! How will climate change affect future hurricanes and coastal flooding? Join to hear Rutgers scientists Dr. Andra Garner shares her recent research into how rising sea levels, warming temperatures, and melting ice sheets will increase the risk for catastrophic flooding in and around NYC. This event is FREE for teens in grades 9-12 and lunch is served free of charge.





2018 4-H Teen Winter Camp

February 9-11, 2018 L. G. Cook 4-H Camp, Sandyston NJ.

Winter camp is a fun weekend getaway for teens in grades 9-13 to meet 4-H teens from across the state, enjoy some time away from daily stress, and have fun! This year teens from Sussex, Somerset, and Warren Counties will gather together for sledding, hiking, crafting, games, and making new friends at L.G Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Cost for lodging and meals for the weekend is \$50 (\$25 for Teen Council members). Registration is due by **January 19, 2018** to the 4-H Office. For registration or more information contact the 4-H Office.



4-H Ladies Night Fundraiser

Sponsored by: Bunnies-N-Buddies, Regal Rabbits & Hoof Beats and Hearts

February 23, 2018 7-10 pm Shotwell Building

Please join us on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 7pm-10pm, snow date Saturday, February 24, 2018. The event will be held in the 4-H Shotwell Building at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

There will be 30+ vendors, crafters and home/local businesses. A silent auction will also be held sponsored by our vendors. Light refreshments also to be served.

Hope to see you all there! Please contact Mackenzie Kratzsch at bunniesnbuddies@yahoo.com or 973-459-8679 for any questions.



State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium

February 24, 2018 Clayton, Gloucester County

The State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium hosted by the *State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory Council* will provide an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders and parents to participate in a variety of educational events all in one day. Workshops and activities planned include: art show; rabbit hopping clinic; poultry health checks, anatomy, and breed identification workshops; rabbit disease management, breed identification, care, and standards of perfection workshops; writing for judges workshop; reptile workshop, small animal judging workshop; show ethics workshop; rabbit & cavy showmanship workshop; and a workshop on egg preparation and nutrition.

Information about this event can be found on the NJ 4-H website at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/educational-symposium/>. The deadline for registration is **February 11, 2018**.



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2018 Sussex County Public Presentations



The 2018 4-H public presentations are held over four Friday nights in Sussex County to accommodate the more than 300 4-H members who participate. Presentation nights are held at local schools with presenters being divided among classrooms. **All presentations begin promptly at 7:00pm, check-in begins at 6:45pm.** The nights and schools are as follows:

March 2 - Frankford Twp. School, 2 Pines Rd. Branchville (live animals allowed)

March 9 - Frankford Twp. School, 2 Pines Rd. Branchville (live animals allowed)

March 16 - McKeown Elementary School 1 School Rd. Newton (no food allowed)

March 23 - Kittatinny Regional High School, 77 Halsey Rd. Newton

Each classroom will have two presentation judges to evaluate each member's presentation using criteria related to the type of presentation (demonstration, illustration, performing arts or formal speech). Regular age 4-H members will receive a ribbon in accordance with the judge's scoring (Blue for Excellent, 90-100; Red for Very Good, 80-90; and Yellow for Good, 70-80). Presentations given by Cloverbud members are evaluated but not scored. Cloverbud members receive a green ribbon recognizing their participation.

The registration deadline is **February 1, 2018**. It is preferred that you register via your [4-H Online profile](#). Directions for registering through 4HOnline may be downloaded [here](#).

You may also print and mail your registration to the 4-H Office. A pdf registration form can be downloaded [here](#).

More information, reminders and helpful tips can be found [here](#).

And as always we are in need qualified, caring adults to volunteer to help us evaluate those 4-H youth taking part in presentations program. If you or someone you know would like to serve as a presentation judge please contact Tanya Patrie at patrie@njaes.rutgers.edu. or sign up to volunteer at www.signup.com.

North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC)

March 9-11 2018, Pompton Plains

Calling all 4-H-ers in Grades 8- 13. Registration for the 11th annual North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC) is going on now.



This conference is open to all 4-H teens in grades 8-13 in all northern New Jersey counties with 4-H programs planned and run through a partnership of 4-H teens and adults. The conference will provide an opportunity for teens to broaden their circle of friends, learn new skills, build leadership skills, and have fun!

This year's conference will be held March 9-11, 2018 at the Regency Hotel in Pompton Plains. Highlights of this year's conference, themed "Past, Present, Future: Our 4-H Legacy", will be informative and fun workshops, a field trip, an evening program followed by a dance, and community service project.

[More Information and the registration packet can be found here](#). Though we do request that you register thru 4-H online similar to public presentations. Cost for the event is \$185 for the first member of a family and \$175 for additional siblings. Scholarships maybe available.

Registration paperwork and fee is due at the 4-H Office by **January 26, 2018**.



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Regal Rabbits 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 10, Newton High School



This workshop is open to 4-H members, leaders and parents. Multiple workshops will be offered on topics such as breeds, pedigree, showmanship, genetics, Cavy care, and many more. There will be many knowledgeable guest speakers including judges, breeders, exhibitors and professionals. Participants will be able to choose up to four workshops to participate in throughout the day. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes will be available. More information will be available soon. Please contact Mackenzie Kratzsch at bunniesnbuddies@yahoo.com or 973-459-8679 for any questions.

Discover the Leader in You! Leadership Conference
March 17, 2017, G.H. Cook Campus, Rutgers University



4-H members in grades 6-8 are invited to attend this leadership conference. They will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community. The conference will include a guest speaker and interactive workshops.

More information and registration can be found [here](#) or by contacting the 4-H Office. Deadline to register is **March 2**.

2017 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
July 8-14, 2018, National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland



NJ 4-H is planning to send a group of approximately 30 4-H members in grades 9-12 (14-19 years old) to this weeklong event (Sunday - Saturday) held each summer at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase Maryland.

The program is based on the principle that democracy requires skills and strategies that must be learned and practiced. It teaches participants to be active, responsible citizens and leaders. The program utilizes Washington, D.C. as a working classroom to learn about the government, citizenship and civic education. It also provides hands-on opportunities for our teens to promote "Better Citizens Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow."

The cost to attend is approximately \$1075.00 per delegate.

More information and the application packet can be found [here](#) or by contacting the 4-H Office. Application packets are due to the county 4-H office by **March 2, 2018**.



Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium

April 7 2018, Rutgers Cook College



The Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium is held annually at the G. H. Cook Campus Farm of Rutgers University. It is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Junior Breeder program in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff. Hands-on workshops are presented in the following tracks: Equine, Dairy, Small Ruminant (Goats and Sheep), Swine and often rabbits as well. Registration information will be available soon at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/junior-breeder/>



NJ State 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest and Film Festival

April 7 2018, Round House at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm



Youth may work individually or as a team to create educational videos about sheep and/or goats to enter in the NJ 4-H State Sheep and Goat Video Contest. A selection of videos will be shared at the film festival during the final session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium. Youth of the top three scoring videos will receive awards. Videos will be scored on educational value, creativity, clarity, pacing, and technical quality (sound, lighting, etc.). Youth are encouraged to have fun and be creative in designing their video entries! **Entries must be up-loaded by March 12, 2018**

More information and registration can be found at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/film-festival/>

NJ 4-H Summer Camp

Registration now open!



Don't miss your chance to join in the fun at 4-H summer camp! Held at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp, right here in Sussex County's Stokes State Forest. 4-H camp offers seven themed weeks for campers to enjoy. Activities include boating, fishing, hiking, crafting, campfires, and so much more. There is a \$25 discount for 4-H members per registration. Learn more and sign up [here](#).



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Save the Dates



Sussex County 4-H presents *"Spring Fling"* Family Fun Day

April 14, 10am-3pm Sussex County Fairgrounds



The 2nd annual Spring Fling is a fun family event sponsored by our 4-H Clubs. Participating 4-H clubs provided a free, fun spring themes activity for visiting children to enjoy, but may also have an opportunity to fund raise for their club by selling something directly to the public. What your club decides to sell is completely up to the club's discretion. Each club will handle its own sales and funds. Clubs participating will have a table and chairs provided. Space is limited though.

We hope your club will be joining us for this great event combines community service and fund raising. Leaders will be receiving more information about this soon.

Small Animal Skill-A-thon & Showmanship

April 21 & 29, 2018 4-H Shotwell Building at the fairgrounds.

Those in the Small Animal Project Area must participate in one of the two dates available to be eligible to bring and show their animal at the Sussex County Fair. For more information contact your club leader.

April 21 -6:00pm-7:30pm

April 29 - 2:00pm-3:30pm

If you are unable to make it to either of these date, you **must** make arrangements to make it up prior to **April 20**. To do so, contact Tara Vaughn at: tink81086@yahoo.com.

WANTED: Host Families for Japanese Exchange

July to August 2018

NJ 4-H is excited to once again host Japanese Youth for four weeks in summer 2018. Host families are needed for the participants and adult chaperones. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to showcase everyday NJ life as well as learn from a new friend.

This is open to both 4-H and non 4-H families. [More information can be found here.](#)



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Congratulations and Recognitions



Congrats to **Madeline Teitsma** for being selected and attending the National 4-H Congress. National 4-H Congress was held November 24-28, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was one of 16 4-H members from NJ to attend. Madeline has been a member of Teen Council, Shelton's Shooters, and Allons-Y Caching.

Congrats to **Megan Halpin** and **Julia St. Clair** for being chosen to attend Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) Conference scheduled for July 16-20, 2018 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. They are two of the 15 youth representing eight counties from New Jersey. Megan as member of Shelton's Shooters, Julia is a member of Little Critters, and both are members of Crafty Clovers.

Congrats to **Marit Edwards-Ronning** on receiving an internship at [Polyface Farms](#) in Virginia. She is passionate about sustainable agriculture and farming in a way that is honoring both to the land and to animals, as well as to people by producing high-quality food.

Congrats and thank you to the **Cow Kids Prep Club** for selling the most Wreaths as part of this year's Sussex County 4-H Foundation wreath fundraiser. This year they sold a total of 89 wreaths (87-12" and 2- 3ft). The **Sussex County Milkmakers** and **Bunnies-N-Buddies** came in a close 2nd place tie with 73 wreaths each. Honorable Mentions go to **Crafty Clovers** and **Hoofbeats & Hearts** for the 3rd and 4th highest total amount of sale money brought in.

If you interested in purchasing a magnet to support NJ 4-H members National Trip for \$5, contact the county 4-H Office.



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