

LEADER NEWS FOR THE 2018/19 PROJECT YEAR.

RE-ENROLLMENT IN 4-H ONLINE

It's that time of year again! The 4-H project year begins in September. All club leaders and members must be re-enrolled in 4-H Online by January 1 to be eligible to participate in state-level 4-H events as well as the 2019 NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

The 4-H office will re-approve and confirm all appointed 4-H volunteers/leaders as they re-enroll. Leaders will be responsible for logging in to their club leader portal (on the family page) in 4-HOnline to verify and confirm members registering and re-enrolling for their club. The 4-H office staff will then complete the re-enrollment by confirming the members.

If there is a name you do not recognize do not approve them. Contact the 4-H office so we can resolve the mistake.

Clubs may accept new members *after* January 1, 2019 but their participation in the fair will be limited and they will not be eligible for state-level events. 1

If you or your members have any questions or problems, please contact the 4-H Office.

END OF PROJECT YEAR PAPERWORK AND HOUSEKEEPING

This paperwork includes county/project medal recommendation forms, Member in Good Standing project completion forms and the Yearly Club Financial review. These forms will be available at www.sussex4h.org and on 4-H Online. These can be printed for you upon request. Please contact the 4-H office for assistance. The deadline to have these returned to the 4-H office is *November 2*.

Project books that were *not fully* evaluated at fair time are due to the 4-H office by October 1. They will be evaluated and returned with your year-end pins and certificates.

2018 LEADER APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION SOCIAL

Friday, October 5th, 6:30pm Fair Administration Building

Please join us so that we may show our appreciation to you, our dedicated leaders and volunteers. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet, get to know, and share ideas with other 4-H volunteers in a relaxed setting. The 4-H office will also be highlighting events that may be of interest to your club, as well as, a few club housekeeping reminders.

Light appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

If interested in attending, or for more information please contact Tanya (patrie@njaes.rutgers.edu or 974-948-3040 x4)

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING 2018

Saturday, October 20th

Shotwell 4-H Building on the Sussex County Fairgrounds

5-8pm (set-up begins at 3:30pm)

Please join us for an evening of fun-filled activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting, a child friendly hayride, costume parade, and trick-or-treating!

Club and 4-H Families are invited to join in the fun too! We need 4-H clubs and volunteers to host trick or treating booths, run and supervise our crafts and activities areas, and provide baked foods. We also need help with soliciting supplies, setting up, parking, and cleaning up. If you have other ideas for participation, please let us know.

We will also be holding a Pumpkin Decorating contest. 4-H clubs or 4-H families/members can enter pumpkins. These may be carved or painted, but all must be complete upon arrival. All entries need to be checked in by 5:30 pm to be eligible. Judging will take place between 6:00-7:00 pm, with the winner announced around 7:30 pm.

Please encourage families to join us! The event is open to all; you don't have to be in 4-H. Bring along friends who may be interested in 4-H. The more the merrier!

This year there will be a \$5 suggested donation and/or a bag of candy per car. This applies to guests as well as 4-H members/families attending—but not participating in—the event.

Contact Tanya in the 4-H office for more information or to reserve your space.

SUSSEX COUNTY 2018 4-H FOUNDATION WREATH SALE

Proceeds benefit 4-H members and their clubs. The 4-H Foundation supports members through its scholarship program as well as providing financial support to 4-H members attending regional and national 4-H events

All wreaths are double faced and made from balsam fir boughs. Their fragrance will convey holiday spirit to friends, family and guests during the holidays. Last year's wreath prices were: 12in wreaths are \$13 for plain, \$15 for decorated; 3 ft. wreaths are \$55 for plain and \$60 for decorated. (*prices may be subject to change based on wholesale costs*)

This can be a great fundraiser for your club. For each 12 in wreath (decorated or plain) your club will receive \$1; and \$5 for each 3 ft. wreath.

*Club Sales forms are due to the 4-H office by **November 16**.* Any orders received after that cannot be guaranteed. You will be able to find forms on 4-H Online or at www.sussex4h.org.

Wreath pick up is planned for **Saturday, November 24** at the 4-H Shotwell Building, **9:30am to 12pm**. Payment for your club's wreath order will need to be made before or at the time of wreath pick up. One check from each club is preferred and should be made out to ***Sussex County 4-H Foundation***.

COUNTY LEVEL PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Registration will open January 1, 2019. Members may register through the 4-H Online portal (preferred) or by fax, email, or hard copy mailing the registration form to the 4-H Office. The deadline to register is February 1, 2019.

Presentations will be held on March 1 (Frankford School), March 8 (Frankford School), March 15 (High Point Regional High School), and March 22 (Kittatinny Regional High School).

4-H SPRING FLING FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, April 14 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

Spring Fling is open to all 4-H clubs to participate. Each club is asked to provide a free, fun activity for visiting children to enjoy. Clubs will also have the opportunity to fundraise for their club by selling something directly to the public.

The free, fun activity offered by your club can be a craft, a game, or any other activity suitable for kids and families. It should be spring themed, easy and portable. Each club will handle its own sales and funds. Clubs participating will have a table and chairs provided. Registration info and more information will be provided sometime after January 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Foundation Scholarship

The *Sussex County 4-H Foundation Scholarship* is due to the 4-H Office before **April 1**. Applications can be found at www.sussex4h.org or by contacting the 4-H office. This scholarship is open to all 4-H members who have been active and a member in good standing for 5 years or more.

NJSF/SCFHS Ag Division Scholarship

The *NJSF/SCFHS Agricultural Division Scholarship* is due to the address listed on the application by **April 15**. This Agricultural Scholarship is presented each year to a Sussex County graduating high school senior or college student currently enrolled enrolling in an agricultural program pursuing a two or four year degree, or graduate studies in one of many fields of Agriculture. For more info and the application visit www.http://sussexcountyagriculture.org.

NJ Equine Advisory Board

The *New Jersey Equine Advisory Board Sara Dubinin Scholarship* awards up to \$1000 to help 4-H and FFA members pursue their equine activities. Applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 19 and reside in the state of New Jersey. Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an application form including an essay on, “your dream of a future that involves horses and how you plan to turn your dream into a reality.” The application can be found at www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf.

The deadline to submit the essay is January 11, 2019. It can be submitted to Lynn Mathews at lynn.mathews@ag.nj.gov. She can also be contacted at 609-292-2888.

STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCES AND TRIPS AVAILABLE TO 4-H MEMBERS.

There are several opportunities for 4-H members to expand their knowledge and world by participating in State and National 4-H conferences. If you have any questions on the opportunities open to all age appropriate 4-H members listed below, please contact the 4-H Office.

National Trips

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

YOUTH GRADES 6-8; HAPPENS IN JULY; APPLICATIONS DUE 11/1

Leadership Washington Focus is a leadership program conducted by National 4-H Council for middle school age youth (6-8 grade). The program is a 4-day event held in mid-July. The program utilizes Washington, D.C. as a working classroom to learn about leadership and provides hands-on opportunities for our younger teens to promote, *Learn to Lead Now – Better Leaders Tomorrow*.

Deadline to apply is November 1, 2018

CITIZEN WASHINGTON FOCUS

YOUTH GRADES 9-12; HAPPENS IN JULY; APPLICATIONS DUE IN MARCH

Citizenship Washington Focus is a weeklong citizenship and leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school age youth (9-12 grade) held in July based at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. It is a working classroom program where delegates learn about the government, citizenship, and civic education. New Jersey 4-H sends 30-40 4-H members and 3-4 adult advisors to Citizenship Washington Focus each year. The learning takes place through energetic workshops, special appointed committees, appropriate field trips (including visits with congressional representatives) and fun social events.

Applications to attend are due In March.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

YOUTH GRADES 10-12; HAPPENS IN SPRING; APPLICATIONS DUE IN SEPTEMBER

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people enrolled in Grades 10-12 as of September 2018 and between ages 15 and 19 years old (as of January 1, 2019), to connect, learn, engage, lead, and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

Application are due September 2018.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

YOUTH GRADES 10-12; HAPPENS IN FALL; APPLICATIONS DUE IN APRIL

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership, youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The event brings over 1000 4-H members to Atlanta over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members. All interested 4-H members must be in grades 10-12 at the time applications are due (April); complete an application and go through a county and state selection process. Participants can only attend this event one time during their 4-H career.

Regional Events

NORTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE (NJTC)

YOUTH GRADES 8-13; HAPPENS 2ND WEEK OF MARCH; APPLICATIONS DUE IN JANUARY

4-H members in grades 8-13 are invited to join other 4-H members from around North Jersey at the NJTC. This conference is a leadership weekend planned by teens for teens held on the second weekend in March. There are workshops, a field trip, community service and a dance.

Registration will be due in January 2019.

DISCOVER THE LEADER IN YOU

YOUTH GRADES 6-8; HAPPENS IN MARCH; APPLICATIONS DUE IN FEBRUARY

4-H member in grades 6-8 are invited to attend this leadership conference. You will have fun, meet new friends & develop leadership skills that you can utilize at home, in school, in your 4-H club and your community. The conference will include a guest speaker and interactive workshops. Conference is held in March in Monmouth County. Registration will be due February 2019.

JUNIOR BREEDERS LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

ALL YOUTH; HAPPENS IN APRIL; REGISTRATION DUE IN MARCH

This is an educational symposium open to all 4-H Livestock members. A wide variety of valuable and interesting agricultural topics will be discussed and there will be many opportunities for hands-on experience. It is held in April on the Rutgers Cook Campus.

Local

2019 NJSF/ SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH; 8/2-11; RECORD BOOKS, REGISTRATION AND PASS REQUESTS DUE 7/1

All entry forms and project books will be due to the 4-H office by July 1, 2019. The fair dates for 2019 fair will be August 2 to August 11. If you have any questions or concerns about his past year's fair, please share then with the 4-H office so that we may address any issues in a timely manner.

DISCOVER 4-H DAY CAMP

YOUTH AGE (TBD), HAPPENS SUMMER 2019; APPLICATIONS TO BE DUE 3/31

Next summer we hope to offer a 4-H Day camp at the Sussex County fairgrounds. The camp would offer 1 to 2 weeks of day camp promoting Sussex County 4-H to general public. No dates have been confirmed, we are in the early stages of planning.

We will be reaching out to many of you in a variety of project areas to help highlight your club's project area. Our hope is to give youth a hands-on 4-H experience that would help them select a 4-H club to join.

If you, leaders, or parents of your club are interested in helping plan and participate in this program, please contact the 4-H office.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE 4-H OFFICE

Please be sure to look for emails throughout the year from 4-HOnline, foord@njaes.rutgers.edu, or patrie@njaes.rutgers.edu. Please remind your 4-H families to do likewise.

At the 4-H office we try to communicate important 4-H information related to events, applications and deadlines, as well as, project specific 4-H opportunities statewide.