# Leader News for the 2019/20 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 2020 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, 2020 but their participation in the fair will be limited and they will not be eligible for state-level events.

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 1***.

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.

2019 Leader Appreciation & Recognition SocialFriday, October 11th, 6:30pm Location: Sussex Fairground Admin. 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 Happenings 2019
Saturday, October 19th 5-8pm (set-up begins at 3:30pm)Shotwell 4-H Building on the Sussex County Fairgrounds

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!

Clubs 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 2019 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 15****.* 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 ***tentatively*** planned for **Saturday, November 30**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 PresentationsRegistration will open January 1, 2020. 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, 2020.

Presentations will tentively be held on March 6 (Frankford School), March 13 (Frankford School), March 20 (High Point Regional High School), and March 27 (Kittatinny Regional High School).

4-H Spring Fling Family Fun Day
**Saturday, April 11 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.**

Spring Fling is open to all 4-H clubs to participate. Clubs that participate are 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.

2020 NJSF/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show
*Open to all Youth; 7/31-8/9; 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, 2020. The fair dates for 2020 fair will be July 31 to August 9. If you have any questions or concerns about this past year’s fair, please share them with the 4-H office so that we may address any issues in a timely manner.

## 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](http://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 or 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](http://www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf).

The deadline to submit the essay is January 11, 2020.  It can be submitted to Lynn Mathews at lynn.mathews@ag.nj.gov. She can also be contacted at 609-292-2888.

**National & State 4-H Events 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 age appropriate 4-H members, please contact the 4-H Office. Some funding may be available to cover the cost of the trips as well.

### **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.*

Citizen Washington Focus
Youth grades 9-12; happens in July; applications Due March 1
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 March 1.*

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 2019 and between ages 15 and 19 years old (as of January 1, 2020), to connect, learn, engage, lead, and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

*Application are due in September.*

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.

**National 4‑H STEM Youth Summit**
**Youth Grades 9-12; Happens in end of October; applications due beginning of September.**
Engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities and design challenges will provide one of a kind experiences for teens to discover the possibilities of a career in STEM. Summit attendees will meet youth from across the country as they explore the Nation's Capital, taking part in activities designed to instill curiosity, and critical thinking, to develop the skills needed to be successful in life.

**National Agri-Science Youth Summit
Youth grades 9-12 as of September 2019. Held in January. Registration due October 15.**At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science teens will gain knowledge in agri-science related to the production of food, feed, fuel, and fiber – especially in the rapidly emerging areas of animal and plant sciences and technologies. They will develop the skills needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have collaborated with agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians, and advocates to host the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. The participants will be trained to create action plans to implement in their communities and teach other youth about what they have learned.

**National 4-H Youth Summit on Photography Skills and Careers
Youth grades 9-12 as of September 2019. Held in February/March. Registration due in December.**The summit provides an opportunity for teens in grades 9-12 to gain knowledge while they explore emerging photography careers and related skills necessary for entry into tomorrow's workforce. They will hear from leaders in the field of photography about advancements in technology, emerging photo-techniques, and the role of social media and responsible posting. The summit will be filled with interactive learning opportunities including mini-tracks, career round tables, and hands-on photography experiences in the DC area.

### **State Events**

**Project Area Bowls and Expos**Throughout the project year there are a variety of project specific judged events and educational workshops. For example Goat extravaganza, Dairy Bowl, Horse Bowl or Judging, Small animal Education Symposium. For more information about these events and opportunities contact the 4-H office and be sure to keep an eye out for emails with more information thought-out the year.

Junior Breeders Livestock Symposium
All youth; happens in End of March/early 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 on the Rutgers Cook Campus.
 **4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Fest**All youth; happens in End of March/early April; Registration due in early March, submissions due mid-March.Youth may work individually or as a team to create educational videos about horses, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, dairy/beef cattle, and swine to enter in the NJ 4 H Animal Science Video Contest.

A selection of videos will be shared at the film festival during an afternoon session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium. Youth of the top 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!
 **Expressive Arts 4-H “Imagination in Action”at Rutgers Day**
All youth; happens in End of April; Registration due April 1
4-Hers from throughout the state are invited to offer presentations, performances and artistic exhibits as part of the Expressive Arts 4-H “Imagination in Action” station. This is the 10th year that Expressive Arts 4-H has celebrated 4-Hers’ creativity at the annual Rutgers Day celebration.

This is a non-competitive event. 4-Hers can submit art created in their clubs, or at school. Or perhaps they wish to perform a dance, song, skit, or puppet show. They may wish to present their entries for county Public Presentations or share their 4-H fair entries. 4-Hers need not be in arts related clubs to participate in Imagination in Action. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-Hers to be recognized for their accomplishments. If a 4-Her wishes to display artwork, photography or creative writing, but is unavailable to attend Rutgers Day, arrangements can be made to receive those items prior to Rutgers Day, and return them following Rutgers Day. Those who do attend Rutgers Day are encouraged to spend time interacting with the Rutgers Day public regarding their performances, exhibits and demonstrations.
 **State Public Presentations**
State 4‑H Public Presentations are held in June of each year at the Cook/Douglass campus at Rutgers University. 4‑H members enrolled in grades 8-13 during the current 4‑H year and who receive a score of excellent on a county presentation are eligible to attend. The event provides an opportunity for 4‑H members to compete with their public presentations on the state level with 4‑H members from around New Jersey.

**NEW-** Any youth eligible to enter State 4‑H Public Presentations (must have received a blue ribbon at their county contest) can enter the NJ 4‑H Virtual State 4‑H Public Presentations contest. This option is ideal for youth who cannot attend the state event in June or have given one or more state level presentations in the past and are looking for a new challenge. Entrants for the virtual division will submit their recorded presentation electronically. Virtual division participants do not attend the State 4‑H Public Presentations event.

### **Regional Events**

#### North Jersey 4-H Teen conference (NJTC)Youth Grades 8-13; Happens 2nd weekend 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.*

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.

**4-H Teen Winter Camp
Youth grades 8-12, February 2020. Registration due end of January.**
4-H member in grades 8-12 will have lots of fun at LG Cook Camp for a weekend. Teens stay in heated cabins and enjoy activities throughout the weekend such as crafts, hikes, games, sledding (weather permitted), and campfire. It is a great opportunity to get to know 4-H teens from our county, as well as, Somerset and Warren County who we share the weekend with. Registration is first come first serve. Space may be limited to 20 teens, additional registrations will be wait listed and taken if space is available.

**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.

We also have a Facebook Page: [Sussex County 4-H Cooperative Extension, NJ](https://www.facebook.com/groups/926929520682935/)