



Sussex County 4-H Holiday Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

November 14, 2019 - 4-H/RCE Office Closed

- Small Scale Animal Production Series: Small Ruminants 6:30-8:30pm Warren Grange

November 15, 2019 - Foundation Wreath orders due to 4-H Office

November 23, 2019 - Foundation Wreath pick up at the Fair Admin Building 9:30am- 11:00am

(Barn 5 in case of inclement weather)

November 28-29, 2019 - 4-H Office Closed

November 30, 2019 - Newton Holiday Parade

December 1, 2019 - Member certificate and project recognition paperwork due to 4-H office.

December 2, 2019 - National 4-H Youth Summit on Photography Skills and Careers application Deadline

December 24-25, 2019 – 4-H/RCE Office Closed

December 31, 2019 - 4-H Online closes for re-enrollment

January 1, 2020 - Beef Markets Projects due on property; Land-lease form are due and animals to 4-H Office.

January 1, 2020 - 4-H/RCE Office Closed

January 2, 2020 – Registration for Public Presentation in 4H online is open.

January, 11 2020- NJ State 4-H Goat Extravaganza

January 21, 2020 - 4-H/RCE Office Closed

January 29, 2020 - Deadline to Register for North Jersey Teen Conference

2019 Leader & Volunteer Appreciation Social

On October 11, 2019 the Annual Leader & Volunteer Appreciation Social was held in the large meeting room in the Fair Administration Building on the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Those that attended enjoyed light appetizers, drinks, and desserts while having a chance to interact with other volunteers from other clubs and project areas. Leaders and volunteers who were present and completed their 1st, 3rd, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, and 50th years of service were awarded pins and certificates for their achievements. **Joy Ricker was awarded her 60th year of service pin and certificate.** Please congratulate Joy of such an amazing achievement.

Also presented during the evening were the Sussex County 4-H Advisory Council annual awards to individuals or groups for their outstanding and continuous service to the 4-H program in Sussex County.

Sussex County 4-H Business Award: Thorlabs

Sussex County Friend of 4-H: TR Shotwell

Sussex County 4-H Alumni: Lisa Connelly

Sussex County 4-H Youth Development: Mackenzie Kratzsch

Lois Chammings Community Service Award: Florence Constantine

We'd like to thank and congratulate all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Sussex County 4-H program.

Halloween Happenings! 2019

Thank you to all those who volunteered, helped out, and participated at Halloween Happenings. It is your continued support and hard work that make it an overwhelming success every year.

Thank you to the following 4-H clubs for participating: Breeders & Feeders, Bunnies-N-Buddies, Castaway HOF, Cuddly Critters, Dogs and Paws, Kitty Kat Kids, Kids in the Kitchen, Lambdemonium, Little Critters, Regal Rabbits, Sussex Capricians, Sussex Milkmakers, Sussex Shepherds, Teen Council, Top O' Jersey Beef, and Whiskers & Squeals.



We would also like to thank the following businesses and families for their donations to the event: Beemerville Orchard, New Jersey State Fair® /Sussex

County Farm and Horse Show, ShopRite RoNetco Supermarkets Inc., ThorLabs, Tranquility Farms, and Weis Supermarkets.

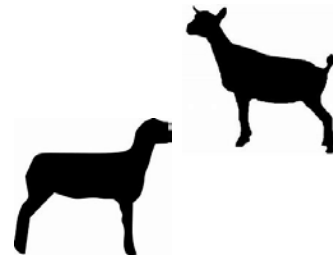
Small Scale Animal Production Series: Small Ruminants

November 14, 2019 6:30-8:30pm

Warren Grange (101 Asbury Broadway Road Washington, NJ 07882)

Topics to Include:

- New Identification Regulations
- Scrapie Program
- Biosecurity
- FAMACHA Method



Register by November 12, 2019 by emailing Stacie Fischbach at: agriculture@co.warren.nj.us or by calling 908-475-6505.

Sussex County 4-H Foundation Wreath Sale going on NOW!



Sussex County 4-H Foundation Holiday Wreath Sale is going on now. This sale benefits the Foundation and Sussex County 4-H clubs. Funds raised by the Sussex County 4-H Foundation support activities by 4-H members through scholarships, attending national 4-H events as well as the support of the 4-H program here in Sussex County.

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. Wreath prices are as follows: 12in wreaths are \$14 for plain, \$16 for decorated; 3 ft. wreaths are \$55 for plain and \$60 for decorated.

This is also a great fundraiser for your club. For each 12inch wreath (decorated or non) 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 can find forms at: <http://sussex4h.org/>

Wreath pick up will be at the Fair administration Building parking lot **Saturday, November 23 from 9:30am to 11 am**. (Or in case of inclement weather Barn 5.) Payment for your club's wreath order will need to be made before or at the time of wreath pick up. One check preferred made out to **Sussex County 4-H Foundation**. *Do not deduct your club's commission*. The Foundation will remit a check of your club's profit to your club leader.

There will be a limited number of wreaths available after the Saturday pick up. Should you need more wreaths or supplies, please contact the 4-H office (973)-948-3040.

National 4-H Youth Summit on Photography Skills and Careers

February 26 - March 1, 2020, **Deadline for Applications is December 2, 2019**



The National Youth Summit on Photography Skills & Careers held annually in February/March is designed for both the experienced and casual photographer. 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.

The registration cost includes lodging at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming, guest speakers, and tours including a visit to some of the memorials in Washington, DC. All-you-can-eat meals are served at the Clover Cafe at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Thursday and ending with a box lunch on Sunday.

The application to attend and more information can be found at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/set/photography/>.

NEW YORK JETS vs DOLPHINS FUNDRAISER

Come out and enjoy a fun day at MetLife Stadium, while also supporting New Jersey 4-H!

- Unique on-field experience
- Discounted pricing
- Group recognition at MetLife Stadium

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH GAMES

EAGLES TICKETS \$30.85

DOLPHINS TICKETS \$38.30

CLICK OR TYPE IN THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
<http://jetsgroups.com/NJ4H>

* Every ticket purchased donates \$10 to New Jersey 4-H
* Each ticket purchased is one (1) entry to win a special giveaway on field experience

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New Jersey 4-H Days with the JETS December 8, MetLife Stadium

The State 4-H Association invites all 4-H families and their friends to attend the New Jersey 4-H Day at the New York JETS vs DOLPHINS game on Sunday, December 8, 1:00 PM at MetLife Stadium located in East Rutherford. Tickets for the game are \$38.30. Each ticket purchased will be entered into a drawing for on-field access. Tickets can be purchased by clicking on this link: <http://jetsgroups.com/NJ4H>

The State 4-H Association is conducting this fundraiser to assist in raising money to cover the cost of the bus for the New Jersey 4-H delegates attending the 2020 CWF.



Re- Enrollment Housekeeping

Re-enrollment in 4-H online is currently underway. Remember all 4-H-ers must be (re)enrolled in 4-H Online by Dec 31 to be considered a full member for the 2019-2020 project year. Those who are not, will not be eligible for fair passes or premiums. You can re-enroll by going to <https://nj.4honline.com>. For those re-enrolling for this project year, please do not re-create a new profile. If you are unsure of what email you used to sign-in, please contact us at the 4-H office for assistance.

Club leaders: please be sure to log onto your leader profile and confirm the members in your club. Also review your club roster to ensure all those that have been attending are accounted for. If you see a discrepancy for a member who is not listed as part of your club, please let us know at the 4-H Office.

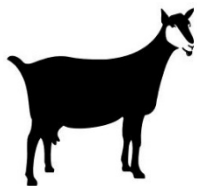


Free New Jersey Farm Bureau Membership for H. S. Juniors and Seniors

Did you know that Junior and Senior high school 4-H members are eligible for a free membership to the New Jersey Farm Bureau? They can do so by going to www.njfb.org and clicking the join tab.

Mark your Calendars!

The NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza



January 11, 2020 Hunterdon Co. Senior Center

The NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza is a statewide event for members, parents, and volunteers in the goat project. The day's activities include a mixed-county team poster-presentation contest, eight-station skill-a-thon, team quiz bowl contest, goat-themed art show, ice cream social, and awards ceremony. There will also be a morning workshop for the adult participants.

More information and application to participate please go to <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/>. Entries are due by **December 11** to the Mercer county 4H Office.



NJ State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium

February 22, 2020, Gloucester County Office of Government Services, Clayton

This one-day event will provide an opportunity for 4-H members involved in the rabbit, cavy, small animal, herpetology and poultry 4-H project areas to participate in a variety of educational events all in one day. Activities and events planned include: rabbit hopping contest, art show, avian bowl, animal-ology quiz bowl, skill-a-thon stations, reptile workshop, and poultry and rabbit showmanship workshop.

2020 County 4-H Public Presentations

Public Presentations are being scheduled for the first 4 Fridays in March. The tentative schedule is as follows:



March 6 – Frankford Township School*

March 13 – Frankford Township School*

March 20 – High Point Regional High School

March 27 – Kittatinny Regional High School

Snow Date April 2 – Frankford Township School

*Live Animals will only be allowed at the Frankford Township school dates.

Registration will begin through 4-H Online on January 2. The deadline to register is February 1. If you are in need of a paper registration form please let the 4-H office know.

North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC)

March 13-15 2020, Pompton Plains

4-H-ers in Grades 8- 13 are invited to attend the 13th annual North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC). This year's conference will be held March 13-15, 2020 at the Baymont by Wyndham Hotel in Pompton Plains. The theme of this year's conference, is *2020-A Clear Vision*.

This conference is open to all 4-H teens in grades 8-13 in the northern New Jersey 4-H counties. This event is 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, build leadership skills, learn new skills, and have fun!

More information and registration details will be coming soon.

Discover the Leader in You! Leadership Conference

March 21, 2020, Somerset County 4-H Center (310 Milltown Rd. Bridgewater, NJ)

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, interactive workshops, snacks and lunch.

Information is available on the New Jersey 4-H website: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/discover-the-leader-north/>

Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium

March 28, 2020, 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.

4-H and You

Why Have Club Officers?

A club is like a family. Each person contributes to the well-being of the club. The result is a sense of belonging that promotes positive development through shared responsibility and fun times. The role of club officer is an important way that youth contribute to the effectiveness of their club. Be sure everyone gets a chance to be a leader in one way or another.

The usual roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer should be rotated among members. In addition, consider what other roles youth can lead. It could be the role of reporter, photographer, scrapbook, community service, marketing, or social media facilitator. The adult leaders should guide the youth in their role while allowing independent thinking. The ultimate goal is not only that youth develop leadership skills and a sense of belonging but also that all club members feel ownership of the club's success.



Congratulations and Recognitions



Joy Ricker a leader for *Wantage Sewing & Cooking* for her 60 years of Volunteer Service to the 4H Program.

Tara Bowles of *Oxbow Raiders* for her 50 years as a 4-H Volunteer Leader.

Lori Wunderlich of *Bit by Bit* for 30 years as a 4-H Volunteer Leader

Diane Gill for 25 year as a 4H volunteer. Diane is an active member and co-treasurer of the
4-H Advisory Council.

In addition, **Deb Brodhecker** of *Summer Blossoms/Love on a Leash* and **Lynn Prtorich** of *Cuddley Critter* marked their 20th year of 4H volunteer service.

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