



Sussex County 4-H March Newsletter



March 1 - *Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference* [registration due.](#)

- [Citizenship Washington Focus Applications](#) due to 4-H Office.

- Deadline to register for [NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl](#).

March 6 - *Night 1 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School*

March 8 – [State Equine Presentation Entries](#) due.

March 9 – [NJ State 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival](#) deadline to upload videos.

March 13 - *Night 2 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School.*

March 13-15 - **North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference, Pompton Plains.**

March 14 – 4-H Rutgers Teen Science Café ‘Are Drones the answer’, Busch Campus, Rutgers University

March 15 - State Equine Presentation, Rutgers Eco- Complex Auditorium Bordentown NJ

- Deadline to register for the [NJ State 4-H Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium](#)

March 20 - *Night 3 of County Public Presentations –High Point Regional High School*

March 21 - *Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference*, Somerset County 4H Center

- New Jersey 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Mercer County Extension Office

- New Jersey 4-H Foods Day, Rutgers Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health, Rutgers New Brunswick campus

March 27 - *Night 4 County Public Presentations – Kittatinny Regional High School.*

March 28 - NJ State 4-H Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium, Cook Campus Farm– Rutgers University

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

- Horse Registrations / Lend lease forms are due at the 4-H Office

April 3 - National Congress Applications are due at the 4-H Office.

April 4/5 – Hippology(Somerset 4H Bldg.)/Horse Bowl (Lord Stirling Stable)

April 10 – RCE/4-H Office is closed.

April 11 - Sussex County 4-H Presents “Spring Fling” Family Fun Day 10am-2pm

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

April 25 – Rutgers Day (Ag Field Day, 4-H Expressive Arts Show & State 4-H Dog Show)

May 1 – All other lend-lease forms are due (Dairy, Rabbit, Sheep, Goat, Alpaca, Swine), and animals must be on specified property.

- 4-H Teen Council Member Scholarships Due

May 15 - S. C. 4-H Animal Representative application packets are due to your 4-H club leader.

May 25 - 4-H/RCE Office Closed

- Branchville Memorial Day Parade (animals welcome)

- Newton Memorial Day Parade

June 1 - S. C. 4-H Animal Representative applications are due from club leaders to the 4-H office

- Record books, Fair Entries & Fair pass form should begin to be turned into the 4-H Office.



New Jersey 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

March 21, 2020

Mercer County Extension Office

1440 Parkside Ave. Ewing, NJ

The New Jersey 4-H Dairy Bowl is a competition for youth in grades 4-13. The dairy quiz bowl will combine contests for 4-H and the Junior Holstein Association. Junior Teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests until the top team is chosen. A team will have four members. Senior members will be competing as individuals. The winner will be the individual with the overall highest total score. For more information go to: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/dairybowl/>. Deadline to register is **March 1**.



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 6-8th 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 1**.

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Are drones the answer? How do we meet the need for door-to-door transport of people and goods?

4-H Rutgers Teen Science Café

March 14, 2020, 11 am – 1:30 pm

Richard Weeks Hall of Engineering, Room 206

Busch Campus, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Join us as Dr. Onur Bilgen from Rutgers Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering shares his research on designing and fabricating fixed wing and vertical take-off and landing unmanned aerial aircraft (i.e., drones).

FREE for TEENS in grades 9-12 and includes lunch. Register today! <https://tinyurl.com/TeenCafe-Drones>

More information

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Regal Rabbits 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 21, 9am -3pm.
4-H Shotwell Building - Sussex County Fairgrounds



This 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Workshop is open to all. We encourage 4-H members, parents, families and 4-H Leaders to attend! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This is a special opportunity to learn from a well-respected breeder & judge.

Topics Covered will be:

Regular 4-Hers

-Nutrition & Digestion, Diseases & Biosecurity, Showmanship, Meat Pens, Question & Answers, and at the end of the day an optional Necropsy

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Diseases & Biosecurity, Showmanship, Hands on Breeds, Review Jeopardy

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Workshop has limited space available. The 4-H registration fee is \$5.00 per person (this fee also applies to 4-H members, family members and leaders). Fee must be sent with your registration. Pre-Registrations must be postmarked by March 13th. Walk-in/day of registration fee is \$10.00 per person. More information and registration paperwork is available at:

<https://www.sussex4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Workshops-2020.pdf>

New Jersey 4-H Foods Day

March 21, 2020

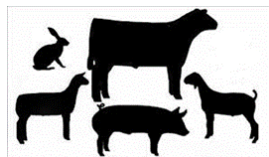
Rutgers Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health, Rutgers New Brunswick campus

The first ever NJ 4-H Foods Day is a statewide event for members, parents, and volunteers in the foods and/or nutrition 4-H projects. The day's activities will include an interactive workshop, skill-a-thon, team Jeopardy contest, lunch and an awards ceremony. There will also be a morning workshop for adult participants.

Divisions will include: Cloverbud (K-3rd grade) - non competitive, Novice (4-5th grade), Junior (6-8th grade), and Senior (9-13th grade).

Registration is closed for this year, but keep in mind for next year. More info can be found at:

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/healthy-living/foods-day/>



2019 NJ Junior Breeder's Livestock Symposium

Saturday, March 28 Cook College Farm,

Rutgers University, College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ.

This annual event includes hands-on educational sessions on equine, dairy, small ruminants, poultry, swine and rabbits. Experts from Rutgers and other universities lead many of these.

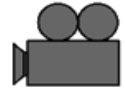
The cost for attending is \$12 per person and includes lunch. (For those attending the ½ day Rabbit Session, the cost without lunch is \$5.) The event starts at 9:00 am and finishes by 3:00 pm.

To register, go to: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/animals/junior-breeder/>. **The registration for deadline is March 15th**



NJ 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival

March 28, 2020 Round House at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm



Youth may work individually or as a team to create educational videos about any livestock to enter in the NJ 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival. 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 uploaded by March 9, 2020.**

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

National 4-H Congress 2020

November 27-December 1, Atlanta, Georgia

Application due by April 3

The application for 4-H National Congress is available now! This event is open to 4-Hers who are in grades 10-12 as of September 2019. New Jersey only sends a delegation of approximately twelve-fifteen (12-15) 4-H members plus chaperones.

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It is a national leadership conference held each year over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend (Friday - Tuesday), currently held at the Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. For over 95 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth with a quality educational and cross-cultural experience.

The program combines special presentations, seminars, discussion groups and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present current and timely information. The application to apply can be found at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress/>



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

April 11, 10am-2pm

Sussex County Fairgrounds

37 Plains Road, Augusta

The 4th annual Spring Fling is a fun family event being put together by our 4-H Clubs.

Participating clubs will be providing a free, fun spring themed activity for visiting children to enjoy. 4-H members will also have an opportunity to fund raise for their club by selling something directly to the public. What your club decides to sell is at the club's discretion. Each club will handle its own sales and funds. Clubs participating will have a table and chairs provided.

As of right now Spring Fling is in only a tentative event for this year as not enough clubs have registered. We need at least 10 clubs to commit, but currently only have 5. If your club is interested and has not already signed up, please contact Debra Brodhecker at sdbrodhecker@gmail.com or 973-534-3540. Deadline to register is Sunday March 15, 2020.



New Jersey State Fair – Sussex County Farm & Horse Show – Ag. Division Agricultural Scholarships Due April 15, 2019

This scholarship is presented each year to a Sussex County graduating high school senior or college student currently enrolled in an agricultural program, pursuing a two or four-year degree, or graduate studies in many fields of Agriculture. To see what fields of agriculture are approved, more information, and the application, please use the following link: http://www.njstatefair.org/shared_all/assets/resources/AgriculturalScholarshipApplication.pdf



Earth Day 2020 Poster Contest

Deadline to enter April 15

Rutgers Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute is calling all NJ Artist's in grades 3 to 12 to showcase their talent and commitment to CLIMATE ACTION to celebrate Earth Day's 50th anniversary.

If interested in participating please refer to the following website for more information about contest criteria, rules, and requirements:
eohsi.rutgers.edu/earth-day-contest



Expressive Arts 4-H Imagination in Action @

Rutgers Day.

Saturday, April 25th, from 10-4PM

Voorhees Mall of the College Avenue Campus



Cloverbud and Regular 4-Hers are invited to share their talents in visual, performing and media arts (e.g., music, dance, magic, clowning, drawing, painting, photography, drama, writing, filmmaking, puppetry, etc.) in Expressive Arts 4-H's ninth year of Imagination in Action at Rutgers Day. This is a non-competitive event. Individual and group entries are welcome. All 4-Hers will receive participation ribbons and certificates.

4-Hers need not be registered in an arts related 4-H club to participate. 4-Hers can perform, or exhibit work they have created on their own, in their club, or school. 4-Hers entering visual or media arts are encouraged to interact with the public viewing their displays, however attendance at Rutgers Day is not required in order to enter visual and media arts Performers are asked to indicate on the registration forms their preferred performance times. For more information, contact the county 4-H Office.



2020 Spring Paper Clover Drive @ Tractor Supply

April 29 – May 10, 2020

Each Spring and Fall, Tractor Supply will help raise money for 4-H programs with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming.

We encourage our clubs and volunteers to participate at their local Tractor Supply Co. store during Paper Clover Drive. Participation can be anything from setting up a project boards on tables, live animal displays, and having clubs encourage customers to donate.



Small Animal Skill-A-thon & Showmanship

May 3 & May 16 2020

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. Those who would like to compete for Showmanship Honors and participate in the Round Robin during the fair must attend on May 3. For more information, contact your club leader. If you are unable to make it to either date, you **must** make arrangements through your leader to make it up prior to **May 3.**

May 3- 2:00pm-3:30pm

May 16 - 6:00pm-7:30pm

2020 New Jersey State Fair Animal Project Representative Application

Due to Club leaders by May 15.

Leaders – Due to 4H office by June 1

These are 4-H members who are recognized at the fair for their knowledge and achievements related to their 4-H project. Animal Project Reps should be knowledgeable, able to answer questions about their project and share information about 4-H and agriculture with fairgoers. Serving as an Animal Project Rep. during the fair does involve some responsibilities such as mandatory attendance at certain events.

The application with the rules and criteria can be found at:

<https://www.sussex4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SC-Animal-Rep.-Application.pdf>

Sussex County 4-H Animal Project Representative



WANTED: Host Families for Japanese Exchange

July to August 2020

NJ 4-H is excited to once again host Japanese Youth for four weeks in summer 2020. 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.

Visit www.states4Hexchange.org for more information and the online host family application. If you are interested in being a host family, apply today! Please reach out to Matthew Newman (4-H Agent, Monmouth County) if you have any questions or would like additional information. He can be reached at:

m.newman@njaes.rutgers.edu.

If you would like to speak to a prior host family, please feel free to contact Tanya Patrie at patrie@njaes.rutgers.edu. The Patrie Family hosted a student in the summer of 2018.



Don't Forget about this Great Resource for Leaders and Members

[4-H Animal Science Resource Blog](http://4hanimalscience.rutgers.edu/) is available at <http://4hanimalscience.rutgers.edu/>. While this project grew out of the 4-H Science mission mandate working group, 15 4-H department members are now contributing to its success. They will be blogging within the ten largest animal project areas on a monthly basis. They will also have editors for STEM learning, field trips, career exploration, and other themes that cut across all animal projects.



Congratulations and Recognitions



BIG Congrats to the members of the Sussex County Horse Bowl Teams who participate in the NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl on February 22 at the Burlington County Fire Academy. Both the Sussex County Senior and Junior team took first place. The Senior Team competed against 14 other teams and the Junior Team competed against 8 teams.

The members of the Senior team are: **Lauren Guerriero** of Hoofbeats & Hearts, **Kazzandra Higgins** of Merry Go Riders and Teen Council, **Morgan Nervine** of Hoofbeats & Hearts, and **Carly Studt** of S. C. Pony Express.

In addition, Kazzandra Higgins, Lauren Guerriero, and Morgan Nervine have all been invited to try out for the State 4H horse bowl teams due to their placing in the individual scoring. Kazzandra placed 4th, Lauren placed 10th, and Morgan placed 13th out of approximately 60 individuals.

Members of the combined Somerset/Sussex Junior Team are: **Bella Fernandez** of Merry Go Riders, Emily Granja of Somerset, Alivia Gonzalez of Somerset, and **Grace Mackey** of Merry Go Riders.

Out of 26 participants, Bella Fernandez took 1st place in the individual placings, and Grace Mackey took 10th.

Other 4-H Events Around the State

2020 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT



TED BLUM 4-H CENTER
SOMERSET COUNTY
310 MILLTOWN RD.
BRIDGEWATER

If you wish to sell items at 20% commission...
Bring items to be sold to the Somerset County 4-H Center

Wednesday, **March 18** 7-9 pm
Thursday, **March 19** 7-9 pm

REMEMBER- CLEAN ITEMS WILL BRING A BETTER PRICE!
UNSAFE ITEMS AND HELMETS WILL BE REJECTED.

Unsold items must be picked up by 2 pm Saturday, March 21

Sale! Sale! Sale!

If you wish to purchase items, sale times are:

Friday, **March 20** 6-9:30 pm
Saturday, **March 21** 9 am-1 pm

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SAVE THE DATE!



March 28, 2020

Ocean County 4-H Event!

Rabbit, Cavy and Small Animal Show (hosted by Noah's Ark Pet Pals)
Rabbit Hopping Contest plus Cavy and Hamster agility
(hosted by Shore to Hop)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ 08724



Wags N Whiskers Dog Show



Somerset County 4-H Spring Dog Show

Sponsored by: The Wags 'N' Whiskers Dog Club

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 11:00 AM
Doors open at 10:15 AM
Walk in Registrations must arrive by 10:30 AM



Somerset County 4-H Center
(Ted Blum 4-H Center)
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Registration Forms are due by March 20, 2020.*
Space is limited to 100 dogs.**

Registration will be accepted the day of the show.

Any questions please email Wags Leader, Joann Gavigan at jgavigan@hotmail.com

Please bring a DOG treat or toy donation for the Somerset County Animal Shelter.

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SAVE THE DATE

2020 NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Show

Saturday, August 29, 2020
Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds
275 Bridgeton Pike (Route 77)
Mullica Hill, New Jersey



Registration will be available by May 15, 2020
<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/smallanimalshow/>

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.