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4-H Going Strong All Summer Long

4-H is recognized as being part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension; because the public associates Rutgers University with a 9 month academic calendar with summers free, often the question will be asked "Is 4-H 'off' in the summer, too?" On the contrary, 4-H is a year round life skill development program that provides a wide variety of 'hands on' learning opportunities for youth grades K-13.

Rather than being a "slowing down" period for 4-H, the summer is actually a very busy season. The summer is the season for the Monmouth County 4-H fair, an event which involves 4-H'ers in many project areas and activities; June and July are spent in busy preparation of displays, exhibits, shifts and schedules. Summer also brings 4-H special event programming such as outdoor recreation camp and arts camp at Camp Nomoco, Turkey Swamp Park. Also in the summer are L.G. Cook Summer Camp weeks in Sussex County, filled with fun educational programming such as boating, archery, theatre arts, teambuilding and much more. The summer is also busy with Monmouth County 4-H outreach activities conducted by 4-H staff and volunteers in community and school programs.

Volunteer training and program development continue to be a priority in the summer, as throughout the year. 4-H clubs maintain their community service projects in the summer, recognizing that there is no "summer break" to meeting community needs.

Make 4-H part of your summer plans. The 4-H office hours remain the same in the summer: Monday through Friday from 8:30AM-4:30PM. Contact the office at (732)431-7263 or at williams@rcrc.rutgers.edu to find out how 4-H can be a summer refresher for you!

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NEW LEADERS:

Amy Barker—Teen Council Co-Leader, Teen Small Animal Club

Karen Waladkewics—Backstage to Broadway Club Co-Leader

Linda Dominizky and Lisa Zimmerman—New Jersey Children’s Chamber Choir Club Co-Leaders

Kimberly Brown - 100% Steppers Double Dutch Club Leader

ABOVE & BEYOND

Emma J. Gillis

ANIMAL SCIENCE CLUB

Leighanna P. Gash

Arianna A. Smith

BITS & BRIDLES

Brianna B. McGowan

14 CARROT RABBIT

Leighanna P. Gash

100% STEPPERS

DOUBLE DUTCH

Maiasia N. Brown

Tyrasia D. Accoo

Sykema L. Ruddock

Naya N. Gathers

Jasmine M. Bass

Kiana C. Edmonds

Silk L. Moore

PAWS 4 A CAUSE

Bridget A. Walter

RAGING REPTILES

Abbey W. Lanz

Chris A. Chibbaro

Miranda L. Landry

THUNDERHOOFS

Adam H. Bangash



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4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant University system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

NEW CLUB 100% Steppers Double Dutch Club

Fitness, nutrition leadership development and citizenship are the priorities of this new Double Dutch jump roping club.

The club in Neptune meets every Wednesday from 4 to 6 PM in the Early Childhood Center in Neptune. There is a standard club open to youth grades 9-12



Heard Around The 4-H Clover



MONMOUTH BLASTERS

By: Ian A. Rios

Our last meeting we talked about our club booth. Our March blast off was a great success. The weather was perfect and everyone was able to launch.

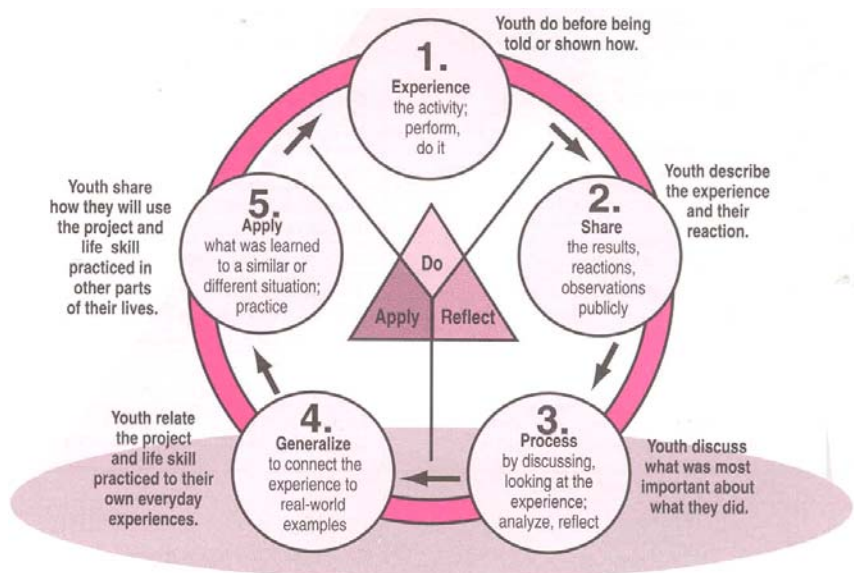
Our April launch date was moved to April 15th due to the holiday.

Our next meeting will be the second Tuesday, on May 8th at 7:30 pm. Our following launch date will be May 20th. We hope that you come join us and become a member of Monmouth Blasters.

We are planning great things for our booth at the fair.

4-H PROMOTES EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

In our 4-H club activities, we encourage youth to apply what they learned to their present and future lives. John Dewey, progressive educator, stated that "Experiential learning takes place when a person is involved in an activity, looks back and evaluates it, determines what is useful or important to remember and uses this information to perform another activity". The chart below outlines the experiential learning process from the experiencing of the 4-H activity, to the application of what was learned.



Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

By: **Ian A. Rios**

In our March 6, 2007 meeting we went over the constitution. We voted on changes that we wanted to make. We will adopt these changes beginning at our next month's meeting. We also chose new symbols for our club banner and our club flag.

The March 3rd 4-H Open House at the 4-H office was a success. There were families who were interested in our club. We hope that they are reading this newsletter and decide to join us. We are waiting for you! To Maria Wissler, thank you for representing our club.

We are a Prep & Standard club. The purpose of this club is to develop and expand 4-H'ers' interests in science and the environment, nature and wildlife, stressing the importance of the fragile ecosystem.

For our March meeting we had a guest speaker, Ms. Nancy Schreiber, a high school teacher. Her topic

was Phun Physics. We built K'nex vehicles. We worked with pull back motors, timers, rods, and connectors. Once we finished building, we had races to see which models ran faster.

Refreshments were provided by the Wissler family. Thank you!

On the 13th of April at 6:00 PM our next meeting will tentatively be at Turkey Swamp Park, meeting at the pavilion. We will be going on a hike, becoming familiar with the trails at the park.

We are planning to go to Earth Day open house at the Manasquan Reservoir on April 21st from 12:00 to 5:00.

Our Camp Nomoco weekend at Turkey Swamp Park is still on for June 22-24. Look for a copy of a registration form in this newsletter.

Our meeting is usually the first Friday of every month. Come join us.

S.W.A.P.

By: **Leader Susan McLoughlin**

S.W.A.P. has been meeting once each month. In March, we worked on our individual scrapbooks. All of the members have already been scrapping, so we continued with our books. We also worked with a circle cutter. The scrapbooks are looking really great with so much creativity!

Three of our members, Ashley Bubello, Katie McLoughlin, and Patricia McLoughlin all attended the Middlesex County Small Animal Show. Ashley won her first guinea pig, Katie won two guinea pigs, and Patricia won three guinea pigs at the show. All three girls are planning on showing their guinea pigs at the Monmouth County Small Animal Show in May and Monica Bubello is preparing a poster demonstration on guinea pigs for the same show. Robyn Clark also owns a guinea pig. Seems to be quite an interesting area for our club.

At our April meeting, we worked in the area of visual arts. Some created works using acrylic paints and others used oil pastels. It was a fun evening.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

By: Katherine Sotovelez

Hey everyone, we're back with yet another eventful story from the 4-H 14 Carrot Rabbit Club. We've stories to tell and plenty of events. First off, our club is constantly growing, acquiring new members along with their parents or any other relatives. We wanted to thank them for their participation in the club, and really wish them a good 4-H year starting off!



Just recently our club had gone to Molzons Nursery; the club has actually been going there for a few consecutive years since everyone loved it so much. But for the new members reading this newsletter, Molzons is a plant nursery where most members bring their rabbits so that people may take their pictures with our bunnies with a beautiful flower display, courtesy of the nursery. Everyone had great fun and helped out wherever we could, printing pictures or mounting, or sometimes even taking them. The profits we'd brought in were divided between charities; one was the heifer project. I'll explain that in a bit, and the other, the National Cancer Association, more specifically, Relay for Life, which I'll also explain.

The heifer project has always been an association that we donate to; we put pairs of rabbits or cavies and such, and they are given to some underprivileged people so that they can breed them for food. Relay for Life is a branch off of the National Cancer Society, the particular one we are donating to is the Relay for Life of Brick, which some of our members are planning to participate in. It really means something to us to participate wherever we can.

Of course, we also have our planning at our meeting! The fair is coming up and quick, and our club is already planning for booth setup and also when we'll be running our games, along with herdsmanship. Everyone adores the fair; it's a time when we get to share with the public everything that we've done and plan on doing throughout the 4-H year. Also it's a time that we get to spend together and have fun with what we do while constantly supporting our club!

Our next meeting will be elections, which will decide who our officers are. Our current officers are as such. Amelia Valente; President, Paul Yoncak; Vice President, Jen Clayton; Treasurer, CJ Halpin; Photographer, Clair McKittrick; Secretary, Katherine Sotovelez; Reporter, which would be me. Who knows who it could be by the next time you're reading! With that I'd like to wish all readers a great 4-H year, you may be getting your newsletter from a new reporter next time, and I honestly hope you liked reading, because I loved writing! Good luck to everyone in what they do, and know to always keep up your 4-H spirit!

MONMOUTH COUNTY LIVESTOCK **By: John Falconio**

Our club has given presentations on topics from chicken treats to animal testing, baking, art portfolio, and other livestock seminars. Our members' future plans are focused on the Stars and Stripes Invitational at the Horse Park of New Jersey held on July 13th and 14th, which also teams up with the Allentown Freedom Fest Fair running from July 10th to the 14th.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a tax-deductible donation please contact Robin Bruins at (609) 259-2347. Be prepared for an unprecedented show targeting the youth with the perfect combination of education and entertainment never experienced before.

PAWS 4 A CAUSE **By: Megan Tursi**

In the last few meetings, we have gotten to know our club members better, and have had even more people join. We started the official business meetings for the first time, and also had our first meetings at our new venue, the Eatontown Community Center. This new location leaves us with many more opportunities for fun. The club also started our first ever dog-training meetings. We initially had a meet and greet, when club members brought their dogs with them to the meeting for the first time. It was a lot of fun gathering all of our dogs into one yard and training them together. In addition to this, Paws 4 a Cause had its first ever Easter egg hunt with our dogs during one of our meetings. We want to continue to do more exciting activities with our dogs such as this one.

In the future, we have planned out a lot of exciting new things. We will soon have our extended club meeting "Dog Fun Night" where we will learn more about each others' dogs and dogs in general and just get to know each other a lot better. Our club is also going to attend the Spring Garden day at the 4-H office on May 19th, where our dogs that love to be petted will be brought along just for fun. At our next business meeting, we are planning to vote on an official club logo, as well as some additional officers. So far we have had a lot of fun with the club, and are hoping to continue to have fun in the future.

If you are interested in joining our new 4-H club, then our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Eatontown Community Center.

Please call Lee Ann @ 732-935-0922 if you are interested!



OUR MEET AND GREET THE DOGS
Conor with Kali
Katie-Rose with Emma,
Kelsey with Isabella
Christine and Daniella with Rocky
Mary, Megan & Amanda with Johnny & Jimmy
Grace and her dog arrived too late to make the picture

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)



Megan Kelly, Katie and Patricia McLoughlin at the Awards Ceremony—Middletown Youth Art Show



Katie receiving her award at the Art Show

MIDDLETOWN 14 CARROT By Leader Susan McLoughlin

We are preparing for the Monmouth County Small Animal Show in May and for the Fair in July. We are excited about showing our rabbits, guinea pigs, and others. Tyler Bane and Katie McLoughlin and Patricia McLoughlin all participated in the County Public Presentations.

Megan Kelly, Tyler Bane, Cooper Bane, Katie McLoughlin, and Patricia McLoughlin all participated in the Middletown Youth Art Show on March 10th and 11th. Tyler entered a watercolor of a sunset and Cooper entered a colored pencil drawing of a horse. Their work was wonderful! Megan Kelly entered two 3-D sculptures and her sculpture of a horse won first place in 3-D sculptures ages 8-12. Patricia entered a mixed media, an acrylic painting, and a 3-D sculpture of an underwater fish scene. Her underwater fish scene won honorable mention in 3-D sculpture ages 8-12. Katie entered 2 pencil drawings and 4 watercolors and her leaf watercolor won third place in watercolors ages 13-17. Great job was done by them all!

Katie and Patricia McLoughlin went to the Middlesex County Small Animal Show on March 31st. Katie's rabbit Ice Cream Sandwich received Best of Breed and Patricia's rabbit Fudgy received Best Reserve of Breed. The show was a lot of fun.



Patricia at County Presentations



Megan receiving her award at Art Show

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

MATAWAN ABERDEEN 4-H CLUB By: Leader Kris Bradley

Our group has been busy! We've started collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We're learning the 4-H Pledge and planning several activities. We'll be marching in the Matawan Memorial Parade on May 27 and participating in a frogging event at the Kateri Environmental Center on May 15.

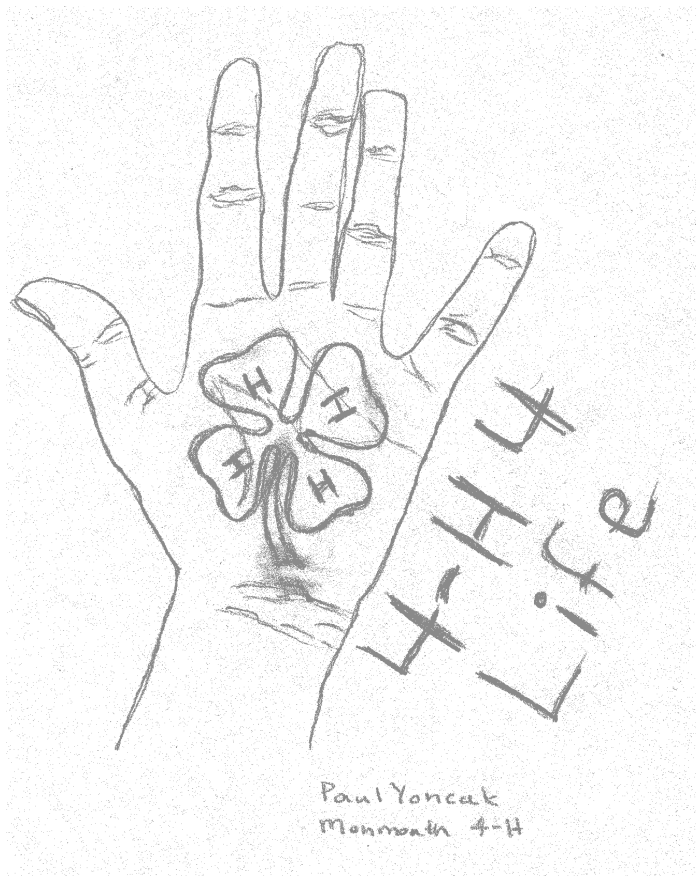
Our group also got together on April 21st for an Earth Day cleanup. We picked up litter at Gravelly Brook Park and Cliffwood Beach in the Matawan Aberdeen area.



Group learning the 4-H Pledge



YOUTH CORNER



YOUTH CORNER (cont.)



In every issue of the newsletter, the Youth Corner will contain interviews with our 4-H club leaders. It is one way of expressing our deep appreciation for their dedicated leadership. For this issue, Youth Corner co-editor Diana Vogel conducted an interview with Meg Whitehouse. These questions were asked:

How long have you been involved in 4-H?

Since I was 11 years old.

Can you briefly describe your 4-H history?

I was a 4-H member, leader, volunteer judge and leader again.

How did you decide that you wanted to be a 4-H leader?

I liked working with the 4-Hers, enjoyed the programs & wanted to stay active. I got so much out of 4-H as a member that I felt I owed more back.

What were your proudest moments as a 4-H leader?

Watching the 4-H'ers grow up in the program and do well in school or on the job.

Meg is very well respected by youth, leaders and parents. Terry Whoeler, parent & 4-H'er Melissa consider Meg "the best", Just a perfect leader. "She is the greatest, patient and kind." The Marten family describes Meg as terrific with the patience of a saint. She offers guidance and is knowledgeable. She has a commitment to the kids. She is also at any 4-H function that involves small animals even if it is not her club. Mr. Marten is very glad that his 2 daughters are in Meg Whitehouses's club. Nyna McKittrick, leader of the Thunderhoofs, and her daughter, 4-H'er Clair McKittrick describe Meg as demonstrating great leadership and fairness. "She is organized and does so much for everyone."

What would you say to encourage others to become 4-H club leaders? Since you get so much out of the program, it almost sells itself to prospective leaders. I guess it would be the ability to pass on knowledge about 4-H and the various projects to another generation of 4-H'ers – try to keep the chain unbroken.

Meg is "the best",
Just a perfect leader.
"She is the greatest, patient
and kind."

FUTURE CARS

By: Ian A. Rios

Cars are colorful, fast, aerodynamic, sleek, shiny, cool, and automatic. In the future cars will drive kids to school; they'll have lots of style, and a lot less fuel.





FIVE-A-DAY CORNER

5-A-Day Through Theatre and Roleplay

**By: Debbie Hemmann, Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP Program Associate,
Chevonne Porter, Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP Community Assistant &
Sandra Faraday, Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP Community Assistant**

This spring Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP (5-A-Day) *completed* our nutrition sessions at Port Monmouth Road School and Midtown Community Elementary. We also *began* our presentations at Asbury Park Alternative Middle School. Our program continues to grow in Monmouth County, both in the number of schools and students we present our program to, as well as our staff. Please help us make welcome our newest Community Assistant, Sandra Faraday!



*Chevonne Porter reports on 5-A-DAY at Asbury Middle Alternative:
“The Alternative Middle School in Asbury has tried several new things during the past few months. Not only have the students loved the program, but even the additional staff and security guards are joining the classes! During class there were even a few suggestions to “cancel gym and just have health all the time.” We’d love to be there more, but let’s not forget the importance of exercise!”*

If you are 14 years of age or above and have an interest in nutrition and drama and would like to join our troupe, please give Debbie Hemmann a call at: (732) 577-6689.

CORRECTION

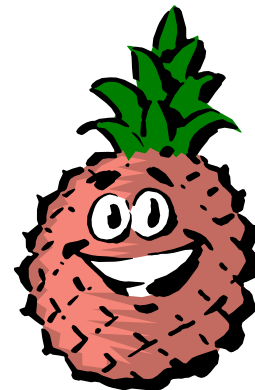
The Port Monmouth Elementary School is located in Keansburg. It was incorrectly listed as being in Neptune in the last issue.

Health Corner:

Here is one of the teacher’s favorite recipes at Asbury Alternative:

Pineapple Salsa

- 1/2 medium fresh pineapple or 1 large can diced
- 5-6 fresh apricots or one 15oz. can diced
- 1 small red onion, diced
- Crushed red pepper flakes to taste
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice



DIRECTIONS:

Combine all ingredients in a glass bowl.

SOURCE: Allrecipes.com



THANK YOU

Below is a message that was received in the 4-H office from a 4-H leader regarding County Public Presentations:

Last night was great! It was a struggle to get Matt there (and I'm not just talking about my eyes) but so glad we persevered. My sincere appreciation to all the people who gave up yet another evening to volunteer as judges. What a great experience the presentations were for the kids. Next year I will require that all my kids participate in the presentation workshop.

I have said this before and I believe it with all my heart; 4-H is the only place where kids feel safe to be who they are.

CONGRATULATIONS

2007 COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who participated in County Public Presentations on 3/30/07 and 4/4/07. You demonstrated your communication skills and confidence through your public speaking. You represented 19 different clubs, and comprised the highest number of 4-H'ers presenting in the last 3 years.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Elyse Frieri
Alyssa Kelly
Jaime Kelly
Katrina Kleinhans

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Morgan Martin
Erin Panek

AMIGITOS

Ariana Gregorio
Gabriella Gregorio
Maria Gregorio
Jonah Resnick
Noah Resnick

BACKSTAGE TO BROADWAY

Rachel Ebner
Ryan Kazimir
Summer Smagacz
Nicholas Waladkewics
Morgan Gottlieb

CURRY COMBS

Olivia Bundschuh
Chelsea Cook
Abbey Lanz
Christin Sagui

Jessica Sagui
Michelle Zavila

14 CARROT

Samantha Martin
Anthony Santoriello
David Sherman

FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

Matthew LaMarca
Kelly Shoemaker
Patrick Weber

KNIGHT RIDERS

Julianne Couch
Laura Couch
Tiffani Lambert
Erin Mauser

MONMOUTH BLASTERS

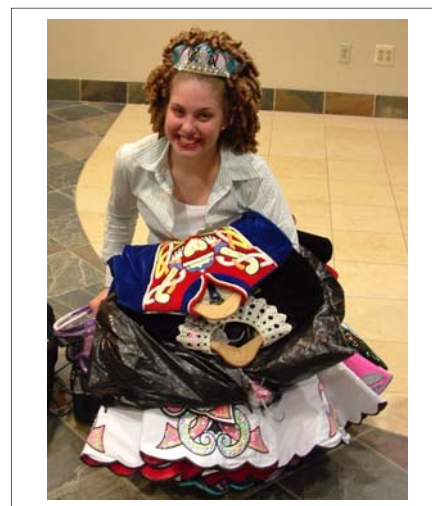
Ian Rios

MONMOUTH CLOGGING

Lauren Hoenig

MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK

Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
Brooke Levens
Lauren Myles



Katie McLoughlin
performs Irish Dance

MULTIMEDIA MADNESS

Kerri Caponetto
Kelly McCormick
Neil White
Toni White

M14 CARROT RABBIT

Patricia McLoughlin



CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

Paul Yoncak

NJ CHILDREN'S CHAMBER CHOIR

Luciana DeGrande	Crysta Timmerman
Aimee Domnizky	Lauren Sawall
Melanie Egan	Jessica Schmidt
Julianna Heck	Alena Zimmerman
Cait Kazimir	Justin Zimmerman
Devin Silvers	Sam Ahmad

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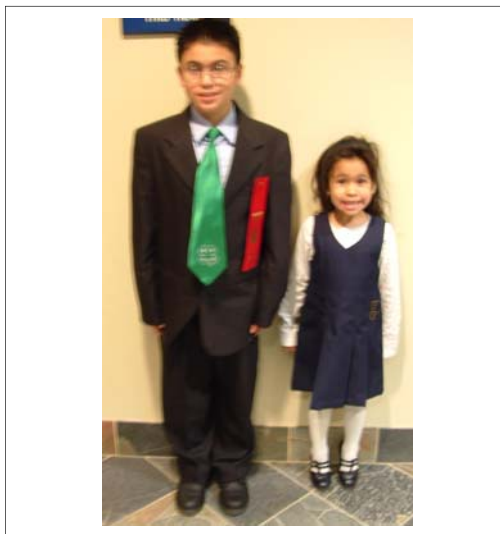
SWAP

Kathleen McLoughlin

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Jeanine Reeman

Linette Reemar



Ian and Carla Rios proudly pose at
County Presentations

HORSE PROJECT CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOUS ARE IN ORDER

Some members of the Horse Science Team participated in the Horse Bowl program. Abbey Lanz participated with Cape May as part of a Junior Team and they placed 6th.

Jessica and Christin Sagui along with Amy Levine competed as part of the Senior Team and they placed 5th.

Jessica placed 8th as an Individual and is the 1st alternate for Nationals!

Please help us in congratulating our 4-H'ers for their hard work and commitment to the horse project.

The Horse Science participants will now be working towards Horse Judging and Hippology. Keep up the good work.

Thank you to all of those that assisted in making this event possible for our 4-H'ers—the coaches, Meg Whitehouse, Denise and Jackie Knapp. Also, the parents who bring the member to many meetings and additional programs to prepare them for this competition.

Again, way to go everyone!

RESOURCES

Along with exercising the body and mind, eating right is a skill every young person needs to live a healthy, rewarding life. Human development research says that children experience a cycle of growth and change during the first nine years of life. Because children develop attitudes toward food that continue into adulthood, it's important for grown-ups to serve as healthy role models.

For the April 2007 Hot Topic, CYFERnet highlights several resources that will help you to promote healthy eating habits for children. Visit www.cyfernet.org for more details.

Responding to the Tragedy at Virginia Tech

Many times as an educator or parent it is difficult knowing what to say and how to react to tragedy.

Educators for Social Responsibility (ESR) helps educators create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments. ESR also helps educators work with young people to develop the social skills, emotional competencies, and qualities of character they need to succeed in school and become contributing members of their communities.

Making sense of tragedy is difficult for adults, and even more so for children. The shootings at Virginia Tech yesterday remind us of how it feels to be out of control of the events that unfold around us. At this point 33 lives were taken, with many more wounded by the gunfire, and countless others shattered by this senseless violence. While we might never know what was in the heart or on the mind of the gunman in this case, it is up to adults to help children to express their fears and to regain a sense of safety.

Our hearts go out to the victims of the VA Tech shootings, their families, friends, colleagues and the entire community of Blacksburg, VA.

Resources:

ESR :<http://www.esrnational.org/sp/we/healing.htm>

The American School Counselor Association has a variety of resources on their website to help school personnel work with students. Click here: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?contentid=524>

The National Education Association provides a comprehensive crisis handbook that is available for download.

Click below for the NEA Crisis Handbook.

<http://www.nea.org/crisis/index.html>

IN THE NEWS

S.J.T.C. By: Tyler James Cole

On the weekend of March 9th Teen Council members throughout the state of New Jersey were invited to spend a weekend in Egg Harbor Township. We stayed at the Clarion Hotel from March 9th through the 11th. This year was special to everybody in many ways because it was SJTC's 50th Anniversary of this annual event. The slogan this year was "BACK TO THE FUTURE with 4-H". That first night was very memorable because we were getting our room cards and for some, finding our friends from last year. Everybody received a bag including a hat, cards, a folder with all information needed for the weekend and some other goodies.

We had to unpack fairly quickly to make the Friday evening program held by Ocean County. They had a big ice breaker with all the counties divided up in groups to get to know each other. At 11:00 PM we were finished with our games and had a 30 minute meeting with our own county. We all signed up to be a helper for one of the activities which were going to be to hand out folders or something like giving out a gift at the end of the session. We were always given free time if we were done with our activities planned for the night. On Friday, we had free time from 11:00 to 12:00 pm.

Saturday was started in the Crystal Ballroom for breakfast and morning announcements. This was the day of our workshop sessions. From 9:00 till 10:00 am was our first workshop. My choice was EXPLORE YOUR WORLD THROUGH GPS/GSI. This was held by Debi Cole from Atlantic County, a 4-H Agent. This workshop was fun and taught us how to work with other kids in a scavenger hunt trying to find colored plastic bags. Each team was given a different color; at first, the game was hard figuring out how to work it, but by the end our team was getting the hang of it.

After our first workshop, we were given a 4 minute break to get some refreshments before attending our next workshop. Most of us were anxious to go to workshop B since we had so much fun in our first workshop. This workshop

went from 10:15 till 11:25am. My second choice was SPEAK OUT FOR MILITARY KIDS. There were two kids and a 4-H Agent leading this program, Rachel Everett from Morris County 4-H, and James Donoghue and Logan Sennstorm from Burlington County. They had put together a 20 minute movie on kids whose parents are in the military and how they have to deal with it. It made me realize how lucky I was that my dad or mom wasn't in the military. We heard about the insults made to kids from other people about their dad or mom being in the military. Some kids in that very room were in this situation. They told us how hard it was getting made fun of and kids saying harsh comments to them like "I hope your dad dies," or "I hope your mom dies." I just couldn't believe what they were saying. This program really helped me realize how lucky I really am and how important it is to be kind to others and have respect.

As our workshops were coming to a close, we still had one more workshop to do, workshop C. For my last workshop I picked MYSPEACE, YOUR SPACE, OUR SPACE. This workshop was held by Laura Bovitz, 4-H Agent from Middlesex County and James Tavares NJ 4-H Camp Director. We talked about the dangers of having a Myspace account. I also learned that many teachers and guidance counselors have accounts to check on the students out of school. Kids can even get in trouble if they mention their school or post a threat to another class mate. Our afternoon activity was bowling which I don't have much to talk about since our bus driver forgot about half of us and we barely had any time to play. Although the bowling didn't go as planned, the dance on Saturday night really made up for it. We danced from 9:30 till 11:30, talking and requesting songs for the DJ to play.

Sunday, went as planned. We had breakfast in the Great Ball Room and from 9:30-11:00 there were morning announcements. I was given something to read to everybody which was actually fun standing up in front of 200 people. The morning went by fast, and then we had to go through the saddest part of the weekend which was saying good bye to old friends and the new friends we met. We all had a blast over the weekend and this event was not only a learning experience for all, it was definitely a memorable one. I now know why it has been going on for fifty years. The kids who didn't go really missed out on all the fun.

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

Student looks forward to a summer in Japan 15-year-old needs to raise \$4K for exchange program

ALLENTOWN - A lifelong dream will come true this summer for 15-year-old John Voorhees. John can't really remember a time when he hasn't wanted to go to Japan, and he's finally found a way to get there. Because the trip will cost \$4,000, there are a few things he must do before he can participate in a foreign exchange program sponsored by the National 4-H Council.

To raise money for his trip to Japan, John is holding a cookie and pizza dough fundraiser through April 16. He is also planning a flower sale later on in the year and is accepting donations as well. "I'm very proud of him," his mother, Jane Sharp, said. "He's really worked hard at taking classes, filling out the application and writing letters trying to get donations. It's not me saying he has to do this. He's done all of it by himself, and it shows a lot of dedication."

To prepare for the trip, John, a sophomore at Allentown High School, took night classes at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, where he learned the Japanese language. Although he admits that his language skills are "still sketchy," he said he is familiar with the three written languages and one spoken language that are used in Japan. Despite the 4,000 characters used in the kanji written language alone, John is not daunted by learning more. The Japanese language and culture have fascinated him since he created a school project about Japan while in elementary school. With assistance from 4-H, John will get to fully experience living the Japanese lifestyle for seven weeks when he joins other 4-H youth in Virginia on June 14 to embark on a Japanese Labo program run by the nonprofit Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE). He is the only 4-H member from New Jersey who is traveling to Japan.

According to 4-H agent Ellen Williams, John is demonstrating by his participation in this program that he is seeking to expand his knowledge and skills, thus living out the 4-H motto: "To make the best better."

The 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. There are many different types of 4-H clubs, and John is a member of the Monmouth County 4-H Teen Council. The council is a group of high school students who get together to help others and have fun. Community service and mentoring younger 4-H groups are two key elements of the club's roles. "As his leader, I can say without hesitation that John is an outstanding member of

Teen Council," said Virginia Krzyzanowski, Monmouth County 4-H Program associate and Teen Council leader.

John's trip to Japan through the 4-H will begin with a three-week Nihongo program in Tokyo, during which he will continue studying the Japanese language in addition to learning about Japanese mannerisms and culture. He will be staying with a host family and will travel to the Labo school in Shinjuku. Throughout the Nihongo program, John will take classes every weekday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. He will use his afternoons for trips to a Japanese bath, store, or tea ceremony. When the Nihongo program ends, John will move in with a different host family in Japan, where there will be a child his own age. He will experience the Japanese host family's lifestyle and live like a Japanese teenager for a month.

John's after-school activities may include visiting shrines and temples, going shopping, playing sports, going to the beach, visiting relatives in the countryside and helping around the house. He also expects to spend four days at a Japanese summer camp in another part of the country. John plans to take a photo book with him to Japan to show those he meets what his life is like in the United States. When he returns, he will put together a similar book about Japan to show people here. Of his expectations of the trip, John said, "I hope to visit many regions and better understand the Japanese way of life. "I would also like to try more of the Japanese cuisine," he added. "I already love sushi. But more than all of those other things, I want to learn as much about the culture as possible and share this information with others. This trip will help me to accomplish this goal." John, who plans to major in business in college, aspires to someday become a video-game programmer or an inventor.

Financial donations made toward John's trip are tax deductible and can be sent to the Monmouth County 4-H Teen Council, 4000 Kozloski Road, P.O. Box 5033, Freehold 07728. Those contributing are asked to put "John's trip to Japan" as the memo. For more information, call 4-H, which is a part of the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Monmouth County, at (732) 431-7263 or visit www.visitmonmouth.com.



BY JENNIFER KOHLHEPP—Staff Writer



ANNOUNCEMENTS



BOOK GREAT SUMMER FIELD TRIPS NOW @ NJMSC

Each summer, the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium offers opportunities to learn about the ocean, beach, and bay while enjoying a day “down the shore.” Groups enjoy scientific experiments, crafts and hands-on learning during their exploration of Sandy Hook.

Go to: <http://www.njmssc.org/Education/Summer06flier.htm>

RERUN, INC. SEARCHES FOR POSTER HORSES FOR AD CAMPAIGN

We want you!

ReRun, Inc., has announced a contest to help kick off its new advertising campaign promoting the versatility of the thoroughbred. The tagline “Your next (fill in the blank) horse is just a furlong away” will appear in trade publications, on posters, and at the group’s booth at horseshows and events.

Owners of off-track thoroughbreds are asked to submit good quality photos of their horses in their “new” careers, including please, trail, dressage, combined training, driving, equitation, barrel racing or speed events, and hunter/jumper. The photos that best showcase the many talents of former racehorses will be used in the campaign.

“We are sure that the many proud owners of retired racehorses will be thrilled to help in this exciting promotion,” said Barbara Luna, Executive Director of ReRun. “Wherever we go, we teach everyone that thoroughbreds are athletes, and although they may be finished racing, they have so much heart, and seem to want to please. They excel at many disciplines—even driving and Western activities—and there are many that need good adoptive homes that are going to prove that.”

With foster farms in Kentucky, New Jersey and New York, ReRun is caring for or rehabilitating 40 horses that are in need of adoption, and is responsible for 200 others that are already placed in safe, loving homes. Through twice-a-year veterinary checks, the organization maintains contact with every adopter to ensure that the horses are up-to-date on veterinary care and are maintained in good condition.

The photo contest will run through the month of June.

Photos should be submitted via e-mail as good quality color JPEG’s or TIFF’s as attachments to bleahyluna@aol.com, or sent on disk to ReRun, PO Box 113, Helmetta, NJ. Permission must be given for copyright photos to be used. Please send photo credit information. For more information call 215-272-6716 or contact Barbara Luna, Executive Director of ReRun by e-mail at:

bleahyluna@aol.com.





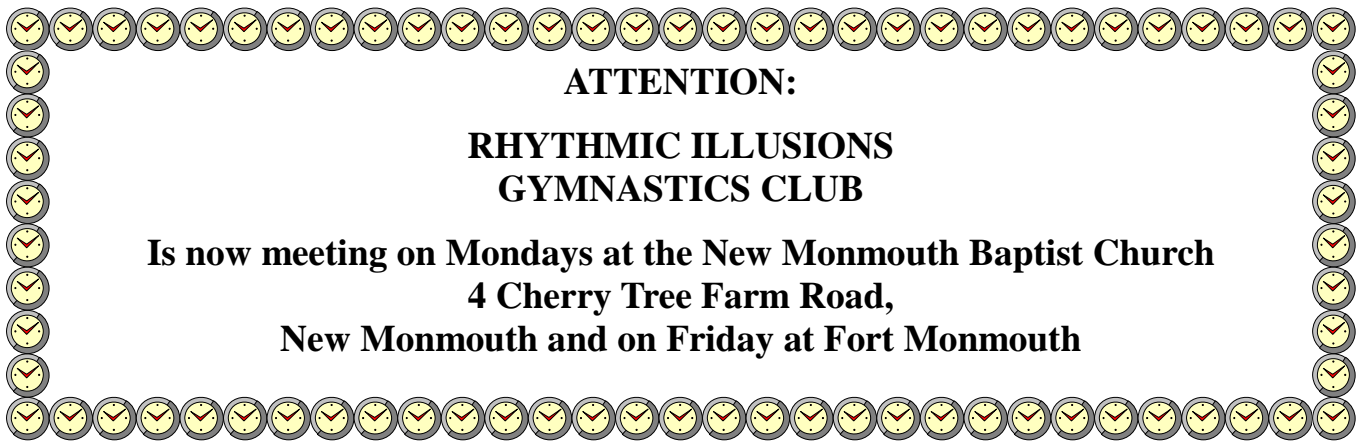
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SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to offer full time summer job opportunities to Monmouth County residents who are currently attending High School or College. Website: visitmonmouth.com to download an application and learn about the various positions offered. Once on the website select Departments; then select Personnel.

4-H SPEAKERS BUREAU

A Monmouth County 4-H Speakers Bureau is being developed of teens and adults willing to share their knowledge with the community. If you and/or your teen 4-H'er are interested in participating as a speaker, please contact Ellen at (732) 431-7266 or Williams@rcrc.rutgers.edu to discuss subject matter ideas and schedule availability.



ATTENTION:

**RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS
GYMNASTICS CLUB**

**Is now meeting on Mondays at the New Monmouth Baptist Church
4 Cherry Tree Farm Road,
New Monmouth and on Friday at Fort Monmouth**

THE BRICK AWARDS

“The BRICK Award celebrates young people making our world better. BRICK Award winners aren’t just the leaders of tomorrow. They are the leaders of today.”

They acknowledge some pretty amazing programs/projects that young people have implemented to help others. They exemplify what we teach our 4-H youth, the importance of giving back, community and global involvement, not only being concerned for our world, but taking action.

ALL BRICK award winners have a shot at US \$25,000, international recognition, televised glory, and pro bono legal services.

“By celebrating and spotlighting young stars of social change, the BRICK Award creates a whole new breed of role models who aren’t famous for what they wear (or don’t) or who they date. The BRICK Awards is the first televised award show about making our world better. Not your typical award show. Not your typical celebrities.

If you haven’t checked out the site, here it is:

[Http://www.dosomething.org/brick](http://www.dosomething.org/brick)

The 2008 Application is up now.

“I hope that we can see some very special NJ 4-H youth on the award program in the future!”, Macy Compton, State 4-H Program Coordinator.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



This form is to be completed for any funding request of the Monmouth County 4-H Association

**Monmouth County 4-H Association
Funding or Reimbursement Request**

Request Date: _____

Person Requesting Funding or Reimbursement: _____

Purpose of Request: _____

(attach additional information if necessary)

Amount of Request: _____

Money Needed by: _____

Check Payable to: _____

Address for sending the check: _____

Approved at the 4-H Association Meeting of: _____
(attach copy of minutes)

Approved at Executive Board Meeting of _____

Approver: _____

Vote: Yes: No: Abstention:



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



Kids for Kids Food Pantry Collection

Kids for Kids Club which meets at the Old Stone Church in Navesink collects food and household goods for the Church pantry as their community service project. Club members bring in an item each meeting. Items needed include:

- * Mayonaise
- * Coffee
- * Canned fruit
- * Gravies
- * Grape jelly
- * Tuna
- * Pasta
- * Macaroni & cheese
- * Sugar—2 lb pack
- * Parmalet milk
- * Scalloped potatoes
- * Cereal
- * Canned juices
- * Cake mixes
- * Regular Rice
- * Deodorant
- * Toothpaste
- * Paper Napkins
- * Laundry detergent
- * Shampoo
- * Pine cleaner
- * 4 roll pack toilet paper
- * Paper towels



If you would like to assist Kids for Kids, either by joining your club with theirs, or donating individually please contact Dottie Eberhardt at doteds@hotmail.com, 732-530-4519.

TEEN COUNCIL'S LIVING GREEN...

**Save the environment.
Help our community.
Donate your used
cell phones, ink jet
cartridges,
and DVD movies /
video games!**



TEEN COUNCIL is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used digital cell phone(s), ink jet cartridge(s), and DVD movie(s) / video game(s). Your used cell phone(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund council events.

Drop your items in the collection box located in the lobby of the 4-H Office. We greatly appreciate your support!

On average Americans replace their cell phones every 12 months. Over 65 million cellular phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating 30,000 tons of potentially hazardous waste. By 2005, an estimated 130 million cellular phones will be discarded annually in the U.S. alone.

Cell phones contain toxic substances including Arsenic, antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Copper, Lead, Nickel and Zinc which leach into soil and groundwater from landfills and form highly toxic dioxins & furans during incineration. These toxins have been associated with cancer and a range of reproductive, neurological and developmental disorders. The cadmium from a single phone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water. (That's 2.4 million 8-ounce sodas!)

Here are the important Fair Dates:

March 30, 2007	Club Booth Entry Form Due
March 30, 2007	Club Banner Entry Form Due
March 30, 2007	Club Games Request Due
March 30, 2007	Dunking Stool Sign-Up Begins*
March 30, 2007	Popcorn Sign-Up Begins*
March 30, 2007	Food Booth Sign-Up Due
March 30, 2007	Craft Sale Request Due
March 30, 2007	All Horses Registered
April 16, 2007	All Horse Health Forms Due**
May 1, 2007	Member/Leader Card Request Due
May 1, 2007	All Animals (non-horse) Registered
June 1, 2007	Ambassador Contest Entry Due
June 1, 2007	Pass Distribution Form Due
June 1, 2007	Mandatory Horse Meeting
June 6, 2007	Mandatory Livestock Meeting
June 27, 2007	Mandatory Small Animal Meeting
June 29, 2007	Volunteer Form (see pages 48 & 49)
June 29, 2007	Entry Forms Due
June 29, 2007	Show Tent Entry Form Due
June 29, 2007	All Overnight Permission Forms Due
June 29, 2007	Pet Photo Entries Due
June 29, 2007	Fair Meeting at 7:00pm
June 29, 2007	Pre-Entry Due Open Gymkhana
June 29, 2007	Fun Day Entry Form Due
July 16 & 17, 2007	Fair Project Due Between 8:30am-7:30pm
July 16 & 17, 2007	Record Books Due Between 8:30am-7:30pm
July 17, 2007	All Food Entries Due Between 8:30am-7:30pm
July 21, 2007	Removal of Item From The Barn
July 22, 2007	Fair Set-Up Of The Tents
July 24, 2007	Club Booth Set-Up, FB & Ambassadors
September 1, 2007	Fair Photo Contest Entry Due



PREP COURT INFORMATION

WHO: All 4-H Prep members (grades 1-3) are invited to take part in the recognition of PREP MEMBERS at the county fair during the PREP COURT ceremony.

WHAT: The Prep Court is a ceremony that encourages and supports the work that the younger members of 4-H are involved in. The PREPS are asked about their favorite things in 4-H and are made to feel special. They will receive a small present for their hard work during the year. The Ambassadors and the Division chair choose a special project for the Prep Court member and their families to participate in.

PREP COURT BOOTH: At the booth, pictures of the Prep members are displayed as well as a little “blurb” about them. Also information about their Special Charity Project is displayed.

PREP COUT CEREMONY: On the opening night of the fair, the Preppers will meet at the 4-H Tent, bringing their donations along with their parents, leaders, etc...and receive their recognition. The Ambassadors will ask each child a question and goodies are handed out. Special recognition will be given to the 3rd graders who are graduating to standard members. Preppers are encouraged to “dress up” if they’d like to wear club shirts. See page 74 in your fair book for registration form. **We want your child to participate!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



FREEHOLD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 28 - 9:15 AM

Downtown Freehold



Monmouth County 4-H will again be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th, Monday. We are proud to be part of this annual event. Clubs are encouraged to participate by marching, decorating trucks and floats, and demonstrating their 4-H projects (e.g. through riding horses, doing double dutch jump roping, dancing, etc.). We will have a flat bed truck again generously donated by Reid’s Sod Farm; 4-H’ers from various clubs can gather on the truck.

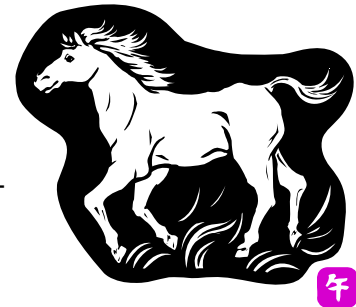


Each club leader is invited to submit a response form to our 4-H office indicating what the club plans to do in the parade. If your 4-H’er is interested in participating in the parade, contact your club leader.

Horse Project Info

May 12	Western	E. Freehold Park
May 20	Western	Robert J. Miller – Ocean County
June 3	English	Thompson Park – Mid-
dletown		

Youth Horse Council meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. This is open to youth in 5th grade through 1 year out of high school. Your leadership skills are needed planning the shows, the fair, educational programs, fundraising and party planning. Call Kelly for more information (732) 431-7265



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



**2007 Monmouth County 4-H
Outdoor Education & Recreation Camping Weekend
June Friday 22nd noon to Sunday 24th noon
held at the
Nomoco Activity Area at Turkey Swamp Park
Freehold Township in Monmouth County**

This camping weekend is open to 4-Her's grade 1 thru 9 as campers and grades 10 thru 13 as helpers. We stay in platform tents that are provided or you can pitch your own tent. All 1st and 2nd graders and first time campers must have a parent or guardian accompany them for overnight stays. You may also join us for the day time only programs if you wish.

The cost is \$ 25.00 per camper or helper, adult chaperones are free. The fee provides; food, platform tent, craft supplies and activities.

Some of the activities planned are boating, hiking, outdoor cooking, orienteering, fishing, archery, games and nature crafts. For more information please contact the 4-H office at 732-431-7263.

To register complete the following and return to the 4-H office by June 1st.

Name _____ Boy _____ Girl _____ Grade _____

Address _____ 4-H Club _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ - _____ Cell # _____ - _____
Staying: Friday night _____ Saturday night _____ Day program only _____

Has camper been on previous camping trips? _____ Without Family ? _____

Adult Chaperone for camper if needed _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Make check payable to the "4-H Office Account " Return registration and fee to:

RCR&E 4-H Office P.O. Box 5033 4000 Kozloski Rd. Freehold , N.J. 07728-5033



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Freedom Fest is a 4-H/FFA show (not ARBA). It will be held at the Horse Park of NJ on July 14, 2007. It is a lot of fun and there will be goats, cattle, sheep, etc plus all the usual carnival/fair events.

Here also is a link to the Freedom Fest Fair website. Freedom Fest is the host of the Stars and Stripes show. Click here for the website, the catalog and entry forms appear under the heading "Stars and Stripes": http://www.freedomfestfair.com/stars_stripes.htm

**The 4-H Stars and Stripes Invitational Show
At the Horse Park of New Jersey**

July 13 and 14, 2007

“A showcase for American Pride in Agriculture”

Beef * Goats * Poultry * Sheep * Small Animals

Our show is now a part of Freedom Fest Fair, check us out at:
www.allentownfest.com

Sponsorship is tax deductible and available in many levels.

<p>Class Sponsor \$10.00</p> <p>Division Sponsor \$25.00</p> <p>Honorary Members</p> <p>- Bronze Level \$100.00</p> <p>- Silver Level \$250.00</p> <p>- Gold Level \$500.00</p>	<p>Name is listed in program</p> <p>Name is listed in program and announced at show</p> <p>Business card size ad in program, Name announced at show</p> <p>½ page ad in program, Name announced at show</p> <p>Full page ad in program, Name announced at show, 5 foot Banner with Business or Name displayed at Show and your's to keep</p>
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Check # _____

Please make checks payable to: **The Stars and Stripes Invitational**
Mail donations to: **Robin Bruins, 73 Red Valley Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514**

Your name as you want it to appear in the program _____

_____ (mailing address)

_____ (phone number) (fax number) (email)



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Get fit with your family at a Family Fun Night



Family Fun Night is an opportunity for children and their parents to work together and have fun. Participants will be involved in several hands on activities that will help all members of the family learn about healthy eating habits, exercise, snacks, and more! At the end of the event, each family will set goals that they would like to work together to achieve.

Who: Any 4-H family who is interested in becoming healthier and physically fit.

What: A night of hands on fun that will open your eyes and fill your stomach with lots of knowledge and FUN snacks that we promise everyone will enjoy!

When: Thursday, June 14, 2007 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Agricultural Building, Freehold

Cost: Free!

*For more information contact Virginia at the 4-H Office: 732-431-7267
Registration deadline is June 10th!*



Detach here and return to: RCE of Monmouth County, 4-H Office Attention: Virginia,
4000 Kozloski Road, PO Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728-5033.

Name: _____ Number of family members attending: A = _____ Y = _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: NJ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Club _____

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

GARDEN PARTY and DEDICATION CEREMONY



Saturday, May 19, 2007

**Agricultural Building
4000 Kozloski Road,
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-7263**

4-H GARDEN PARTY - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4-H families are invited to take part in our community service project: Donate and place a plant in the children's garden



1. Stop by the 4-H garden to see what plants are needed from our garden design to support our wildlife habitat.
2. Purchase an item from the Master Gardener's Plant Sale as a donation for the garden.
3. And last but not least - help find it a home by setting down its roots in our new garden!

The day will include children's garden games and crafts, 4-H demonstrations and displays, and refreshments. Learn all about gardening from the Master Gardeners!

GARDEN DEDICATION CEREMONY - 2:00 p.m.

*Eagle Scout Jeffrey Sieminski
Boy Scout Troop 21 of Spring Lake*

Join Jeff Sieminski and Boy Scouts of Troop 21 for the official dedication ceremony of the 4-H Children's Bird and Butterfly Garden. Let's show our appreciation to this fine young man and his troop for the fabulous job they did creating this wonderful habitat for our animal friends. This sanctuary is to be enjoyed by all Monmouth County residents.



GARDEN SPONSORS LISTED ON OPPOSITE PAGE



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

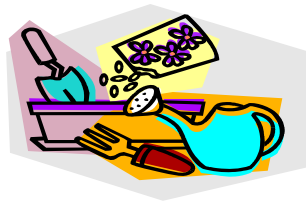
Garden Contributors ... and the list is still growing!

Let's show our thanks to the many sponsors who helped create the children's garden by frequenting their business:

- Bear Creek Herbary, Howell
- Brock Farms, Freehold
- Bulk's Garden Center & Nursery, Freehold
- Burke Environmental Inc, Wall Township
- Cicconi's, Jackson
- Clayton Block
- Clayton Farm, Freehold
- Costco, Ocean
- Dear Run Nursery & Greenhouses, Farmingdale
- Eagle Scout Jeffrey Sieminski and BSA Troop 21 of Spring Lake
- Hugh McKittrick Nursery, Colts Neck
- Landex Nurseries, Freehold
- Lowe's, Howell
- Mike's Nursery, Howell
- Mr. David Bean, Freehold
- Mr. David Krzyzanowski, Freehold
- Patterson's Greenhouses, Howell
- Ramtown Florist and Garden Center, Howell
- Scalici Farm & Greenhouses, Freehold
- Tall Oaks Farm, Howell
- The Farm at Lloyd Road, Aberdeen
- Twin Pond Farms, Howell
- V & S Landscape Supply & Garden Center, Howell

4-H Alumni Association, 4-H Leader's Association & 4-H Teen Council

- Freehold Soil Conservation District
- Monmouth County Vocational Schools
- Monmouth County Master Gardeners
- Monmouth County Buildings and Grounds
- Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission
- Monmouth County Planning Board
- Ocean Township Reclamation Center
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
- Township of Howell Public Works





UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



"4-H" Day - June 30, 2007

"4-H" Tickets GOOD ALL REGULAR OPERATING SEASON 2007



Get great discounts to the Theme Park & Wild Safari

Teach people the importance of 4-H in their community

Visit the Wild Safari – The largest drive through Safari Outside of Africa!



Then play on one of our 13 world class coasters including:
El Toro: The Greatest Wooden Coaster in the World & Kingda Ka

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"4-H" Day - June 30, 2007


Details on other side



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

With all the fun you are definitely going to get hungry! Take advantage of our incredible Meal Deal! The voucher is good for one meal in multiple locations throughout the Theme Park. Whatever your stomach is growling for, this deal can't be beat! (Desserts Not Included)

Tickets are good any regular scheduled operating day in 2007.

Character Café, Outpost Grill, Riverbank Café, Aquatopia, Johnny Rockets Express 1/3 lb. Sirloin Burger Small Fries & Medium Drink	Character Café, Outpost Grill, Aquatopia Chicken Tenders & Medium Drink	All Locations Serving Papa John's Pizza Jumbo Pizza Slice & Medium Drink
Glattspott Deli Kosher Hot Dog, Kosher Fries & Medium Drink		Snowy's, Outpost Grill, Conestoga Hot Dog, French Fries & Med Drink



TICKET Type	Price Per Person	Quantity	TOTAL
NJ 4-H Day Ticket (per person) Good all 2007 operating season	\$29.00		
Meal Deal	\$10.00		
Processing Fee (shipping & handling)			\$7.00
Total Amount of Order			

Make CHECK payable to:
NJ State 4-H Association

DEADLINE for Ticket Sales:
Tickets will be available to purchase through August 31st
 (Tickets are good all 2007 operating season)

Mail to: 4Hand6Flags
48 READ St.
Newark, NJ 07105

Any questions can be addressed to:
4hand6flags@gmail.com

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Please Type or PRINT clearly and provide FULL street address
We CANNOT ship tickets to a PO Box number.

Name:.....

Address:.....

City:..... **State:**..... **Zip:**.....

Day Phone:(.....)..... **Night Phone:**(.....).....

e-mail:.....



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



NEW JERSEY 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP DAY Hold the date October 6, 2007

Great News! New Jersey 4-H has received a \$2000 grant from National 4-H Council and Monsanto as part of a national 4-H Volunteer Initiative for a New Jersey 4-H Volunteer Leadership Day, to be held on Saturday, October 6, at the Rutgers University Inn and Conference Center. This will be a great kick-off to National 4-H Week and a follow up to the regional forum we hosted last year.

The goals of the day will be to provide personal, interpersonal and group development of our volunteers. Opening session will include an overview and update of information on the Essential Elements. Training opportunities will include a variety of topics that fall into the following three categories: Science, Engineering, & Technology; Healthy Lifestyles; and Citizenship. Other workshops will be related to infrastructure of 4-H, such as youth-adult partnerships, experiential learning, 4-H 101 topics, etc. A curriculum and resource display will be accessible throughout the day for participants to view. Along with adult volunteers, youth volunteers will be encouraged to attend the program as well as to participate in workshop presentations. Each volunteer will be challenged to search for the connection of knowledge learned, with their area of interest and skill level. This volunteer training opportunity will enhance their ability to successfully apply new knowledge to make a difference in their clubs and their community.

For more information about how you can be involved with this exciting leadership opportunity contact Virginia at 732-431-7267.

4-H CAMP NEWS

Enroll in Summer Camp

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp has been offering residential summer programs since 1951. Originally geared toward those youth enrolled in 4-H programming, today camp welcomes all youth, 4-H and non 4-H members alike.

During our six one-week sessions, campers will have the opportunity to register for three daily classes from any of our four course areas. Arts & Crafts, Environmental Education, Shooting Sports and Waterfront. Campers will also participate in a variety of traditional camp activities and will bunk with their peers in one of our eleven rustic cabins.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is built on tradition, while at the same time constantly striving to provide up to date programming matched to the interests of those youth who join us at camp.

To register for camp you can download and fill out the Summer Camp registration Form from our website. Full payment is due at the time of registration. Camp fees cover the cost of housing, food and all activities during a session and are dependent on the date we receive your registrations. The fees can be found on the current registration form or on the Registration page.





4-H CAMP NEWS

Staff Positions Available

When was the last time you awoke to a gorilla wrestling a rabbit on a floating dock in the middle of a lake? Have you ever eaten an entire pasta dinner with your hands behind your back (garlic bread and salad included)? Can a chicken really drive a motorcycle? Is this type of fun and excitement missing from your typical summer job? What if you could have all of this and make a positive difference in the life of a child?



We are currently looking for a few great Counselors to round out our 2007 staff team. A counselor is a jack-of-all-trades; part teacher, part parent, part friend and part mentor. We are searching for people, who through their own passion, enthusiasm and experience can help make a positive impact, one child at a time. As a counselor you will teach in a course area during the day and supervise children in a cabin at night.

Positions are available for college age youth with a year of school under their belt. Counselors reside in a cabin with a co-counselor and up to 16 children. All meals (including weekends) are included.

You are paid for the week of staff training, the six sessions and a bonus upon successful completion of your contract. And, if that was not enough, the friendships, life lessons and memories that you can take away from this experience are truly priceless.

Mission Statement

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education provides youth and adults with a safe environment for fun, hands-on residential outdoor educational experiences; fostering independence, leadership development, respect, tolerance and positive self-esteem. This is accomplished under the guidelines of 4-H and Rutgers Cooperative Extension principles and missions.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is a residential camp located on 108 acres in the heart of Stokes State Forest, nestled in the shadow of the Appalachian Trail. The facility is managed by the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. The camp's main goals are to provide a weeklong experimental program, which promotes 4-H and its curriculum. In addition, the summer camp is to be used as a marketing tool to promote 4-H throughout NJ and year round programming at the L.G. Cook Outdoor Education Center. Our camp is available to be used by 4-H Clubs, for family reunions, church retreats, scout camping and school outdoor education groups throughout the calendar year. We are dedicated to providing a safe place for people to enjoy nature all year long.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Member leader card request deadline. . All non-equine animals registered.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Western Horse Show. Mon Cty. 4-H Small Animal Show, Belmar
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Master Gardener 4-H Spring Plant Sale-Garden Party
20 Western Horse Show Ocean County	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Parade, Freehold	29	30	31		

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					1 Ambassador contest entries due. Pass distribution forms due	2
3 Horse Show, Middlesex Co.	4	5	6 Mandatory Livestock Meeting. Mandatory Horse Meeting	7	8	9 State 4-H Public Presentations Rutgers
10	11	12	13	14 Get Moving Get Healthy 6:30—8:30 Ag Bldg.	15 Deadline for next newsletter	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 /23 Outdoor Recreation And Camping Weekend. Camp Nomoco—Turkey Swamp Park	
24	25	26	27 Mandatory Small Animal meeting	28	29 7 PM Fair Mtg. Ag Building. Due date for Fair entry forms; show tent entry forms, overnight permission forms, pet photo entries; fun day entries	30 Deadline for Six Flags tickets



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