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# *The Lucky 4-H'er Gazette*

Summer 2012

## ***KEEPING FAIR TIME FUN***

The Monmouth County Fair is right around the corner, but it's not too late to enter certain 4-H projects for exhibit, or to join in the fun of newly offered contests and activities at the fair! This year, the deadline for non-animal 4-H fair exhibit entries has been extended. These projects do not need to be registered in advance of drop-off at the 4-H Office during the two days of fair entry—Monday, July 16th and Tuesday, July 17th. All entries must have been completed by the 4-H member during this 4-H club year (September-August), but may have been completed outside of the 4-H club setting. Youth are encouraged to enter projects within and outside of their club project or focus areas, thereby showcasing how well-rounded our 4-H members have become. Please check out the 4-H Fair Guide Book for all project classes offered at:

<http://co.monmouth.nj.us/documents/57/4-H%20Fair%20Book%202012.pdf>.

4-H Record Books will also be collected at the 4-H Office during this time, and are required for youth to be considered 'Members in Good Standing' and participate in certain activities at the fair.

In addition to our general 4-H fair events, this year are the following 4-H activities will also be offered: Pie Eating Contest, Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Old Fashioned Games, Scavenger Hunt, Fun Water Dunk, Quick Horse Harness Competition, Chat with Tommie Turvey the trick horse rider, and the Livestock Fun Show. Some of these events are back by popular demand, and all promise to be loads of fun! None of these events require registration prior to the fair, but registration will be needed the day of the event. See page 3 for times. Lastly, a special 4-H member will be recognized each evening with an 'Act of Kindness' Award. Volunteers serving as 4-H Tent Chairs will recommend a member from their project area that they 'caught' doing something good to help out another member, educate the public, or assist a 4-H parent or volunteer. We hope to have many nominees for this recognition!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the fair! - Monmouth County 4-H Staff

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 15TH**  
**REVIEWING SUMMER EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTING UPCOMING FALL EVENTS**



# NEW 4-H LEADERS, MEMBERS & CLUBS!

**NEW CLUB—MODEL HORSE 4-H CLUB**—Meets 4:30-6:00pm on the 1st Thursday of each month at the 4-H Building. Members grades 3rd –13th Contact the 4-H Office for more details.

**NEW LEADER—Adrien Synnott** leader of the new Model Horse 4-H Club.

### Anime/Manga

Halley J. Kaplan  
Nicholas R. Trotta  
Lauren M. Valinotti

Cara L. Engelmann  
Connor L. Goode  
Zyasia M. Henson  
Suzanne C. Kellerman  
Casey Kistner  
Sarah Monteiro  
Ashleigh E. Morro  
Patrick J. Santiago  
Miranda Thompson

Paige K. Koehler  
Melissa J. Lee  
Cara F. Mandile  
Caitlin A. Morris  
Nicole J. Neri  
Jessi R. Schiumo  
Alison N. Smealie

### 14 Carrot Rabbit Club

Brooke G. Bates  
Faith A. Bates  
Anna J. Guinee  
Bridgette D. Jones  
Dottie Ann Jones  
Zoe G. Tilis

### Kids for Kids 4-H Club

Emily Beagen  
Taryn G. Birch  
Tiffany I Comerford  
Christine E. DeSpirito  
Victoria R. DeSpirito  
Nichole A. DiSalvo  
Erin M. Dougherty  
Tiffany Ann Duffy  
Dana L. Egan  
Devon M. Freshnock  
Alexandra Geczo  
Alex D. Goldfarb  
Connor Goode  
Kaitlin N. Gray  
Elizabeth N., Jaskiewicz  
Victoria V. Khodash

### Monmouth Livestock

Charles E. Landry  
Miranda L. Landry

### Game Makers 4-H Club

Stephen A. Schmidt  
Jared Villalta

### Nature's Navigators

Amelie H. Guinee

### Junior Council

Benjamin Kelder

### Rising Stars Rhythmic Illusions

Jillian L. Wagner

### Keansburg 4-H Mentoring Club

Carly Antonetti  
Janyah E. Brown  
Amanda L. Burdick  
Ashley N. Burdick  
Jonathan Burnley  
Tiffany Ann Duffy

### Upper Freehold Team Green

David M. Sharman

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**There is always room for more 4-H Clubs!**

**Join one or start one today!**

**Contact the 4-H Office for more information.**

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**Congratulations to all 4-H members for completing a great club year!**  
You should be proud of your achievements and thankful to your club leaders and parents!  
**See you at the Monmouth County Fair — July 25th-29th!**

# 2012 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

## 4-H DIVISION SCHEDULE

### 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

*The 4-H Code of Conduct is more than a statement you read once and sign-off on... it is a behavioral contract for how we agree youth, parents, volunteers, and staff associated with our state 4-H Youth Development Program should act. We acknowledge that our behavior in public, especially during the annual County Fair, is a reflection on our program. The general public may have little knowledge about 4-H and our project areas, so during outreach events we strive to be good ambassadors for our clubs, our county, and beyond... to make the best better. Does that sound familiar? It should, but not just because it's often said at the end of the 4-H pledge. 'To Make the Best Better' is something we are all striving for or we would not be working in, volunteering for, or participating in a youth development program with such a rich history. Let's work together to make the best better at the 2012 Monmouth County Fair. Let's squash hard feelings and over-competitiveness. Let's get our hearts in the right place to educate the public and empower our youth... for a better future!*

#### DATE & TIME

#### EVENT OR ACTIVITY

#### LOCATION

##### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

5:00pm	Alumni Quilt Raffle Sale Begins	4-H Alumni Booth
5:00pm	4-H Basket Raffle Begins	4-H Association Tent
5:00pm	4-H Fair Entries on Display	4-H Exhibit Tent
6:00pm	4-H Up Close! Baby Chicks	4-H Livestock Tent
6:30pm	4-H Cloverbud Court	4-H Show Tent
7:00pm	4-H Ambassador Contest	4-H Show Tent
7:30pm	Pomona Grange Awards	4-H Show Tent
8:00pm	Alumni Reception	4-H Show Tent
9:00pm	Old Time Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent

##### THURSDAY, JULY 26

5:00pm	4-H Horse Exhibit Opens	4-H Horse Tent
5:00-6:00pm	4-H Presentations & Performances	4-H Show Tent
5:00-7:00pm	4-H Up Close! Rabbits 'n Friends	4-H Small Animal Tent
7:00pm	Livestock Fun Show	4-H Livestock Tent
8:00pm	Parade of Horse Breeds	Horse Show Ring 2
9:00pm	Old Time Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent

##### FRIDAY, JULY 27

5:00-6:00pm	4-H Goat Show	4-H Livestock Tent
5:30pm	Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest	4-H Show Tent
6:00pm	4-H Youth Pie Eating Contest	4-H Show Tent
7:00pm	4-H Up Close! Reptiles and Snakes	4-H Exhibit Tent
7:00-11:00pm	Clogging Invitational	4-H Show Tent
8:00pm	Parade of Horse Breeds	Horse Show Ring 2
9:00pm	Old Time Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent

##### SATURDAY, JULY 28

8:30am-3:00pm	4-H Open English Horse Show	Horse Show Ring 2
11:00am-1:00pm	Youth Scavenger Hunt & Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent
3:00-4:00pm	Sheep/Cattle/Swine Show	4-H Livestock Tent
4:00-4:30pm	4-H Up Close! Ponies	4-H Livestock Tent
4:30-6:00pm	Theatre Arts Presentations	4-H Show Tent
5:00-6:30pm	Monmouth Clogging Express	4-H Show Tent
5:00-7:00pm	4-H Quick Harness Competition	Horse Show Ring 2
	*sponsored by The Harness Horse Youth Foundation	
7:00-9:00pm	Square Dancing	4-H Show Tent
9:00pm	Old Time Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent
9:00-11:00pm	Live Band	4-H Show Tent

##### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:00am-3:30pm	Open Gymkhana (on horseback)	Horse Show Ring 2
11:00am-1:00pm	Youth Scavenger Hunt & Games	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent
12:00-1:00pm	Registration-Youth Open Pet Show	4-H Info / Exhibit Tent
1:30-2:00pm	Open Youth Pet Show (No Dogs)	4-H Show Tent
2:00-3:30pm	Round Robin Showmanship Contest	4-H Livestock Tent
3:30-4:30pm	4-H Presentations & Performances	4-H Show Tent

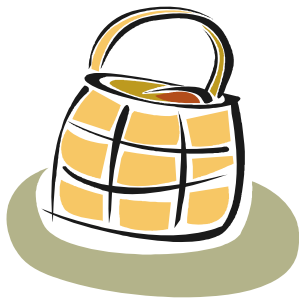
**Non-animal project entries will be received at the 4-H Office during business hours on Monday, July 16th and Tuesday, July 17th!**

# IMPORTANT FAIR INFO

## FUNDRAISING AT THE COUNTY FAIR



4-H Food Booth, Popcorn Booth, Dunking Stool, Basket Raffle, Club Sponsored Games... there are plenty of fundraising opportunity for 4-H Clubs to fundraise for the whole Monmouth County 4-H Program, as well as their own clubs. The Monmouth County 4-H Association is lead by dedicated volunteers who help direct the program by creating and maintaining policies, designing annual budgets, and learning from each other (and from volunteers and 4-H Programs throughout the state). All official 4-H volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend. In addition, teen 4-H representatives are also asked to participate. Monies raised for the Monmouth County 4-H Program are handled by the Association, and often go towards supporting scholarships and national 4-H trips taken by select teens. Managing a large 4-H Program would be even easier (and more fun) if more caring adults were involved. Consider joining the Monmouth County 4-H Association!



**Still looking for a good theme for your club's 4-H Basket Raffle donation?**

Here are a few ideas:

- \*Farmer's Market
- \*Birthday Party
- \*Anniversary
- \*Picnic Basket
- \*Fishing Trip
- \*Travel Bag
- \*School Backpack
- \*Art Supplies
- \*Family game night
- \*Sports bag

\*\*\*All Monmouth County 4-H Clubs participating in the 4-H Basket Raffle via a basket donation will be eligible to win (1) camper scholarship to 4-H Science Camp (SET Camp) next year at L.G. Cook Camp.

## 4-H BASKET RAFFLE

Back by popular demand, the Monmouth County 4-H Association will once again be hosting the 4-H Basket Raffle at the Fair. Funds raised by the raffle are used to support the growth of our program. Tickets will be on sale at the Alumni Tent near the front gates of the Fair throughout Fair week, and winners will be drawn on Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm.

*BUT, the Basket Raffle can not be a real success without your help!*

**These are the ways you can assist with the 4-H Basket Raffle fundraiser:**

1. You, your family, or your club can think of a theme and design a basket
2. You can assist with the basket preparations at the 4-H office
3. You can assist by sitting at the Basket Raffle booth and selling tickets
4. You can help on Sunday afternoon with the drawing of winners

5. You can help Sunday afternoon by helping pack up

As you can see, a lot goes into making this fundraiser work!

**If you are putting a basket together, please keep these things in mind:**

**\*Value:** Total of items should be between \$25-\$40, or higher if you wish

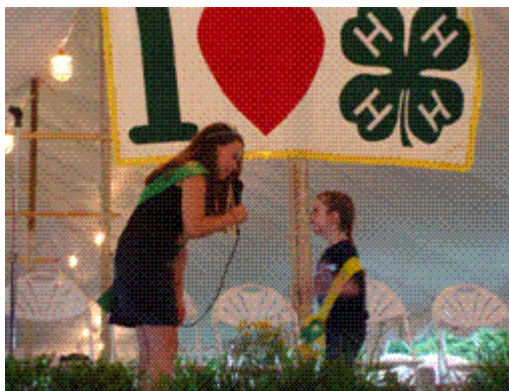
**\*Theme:** Popular themes from last year were—4-H, beach, pets, games, 'around the town,' gift cards, non-perishable food items, babies, etc.

**\*Basket Design:** Many baskets designed by clubs last year came in the form of, well, baskets. But, a few clubs thought 'outside of the box' and packaged their themed goods in a way that was fun and sensible. For example, the beach themed 'basket' was packaged in a large sand bucket, and a pet themed 'basket' came in a pet carrier. Other ideas will surely work too!

**\*Labeling of Baskets:** Please include the following on a note card attached to your basket—theme, estimated value of items, and the donation source (ie. Your club, family, self, or company). This information will be used to create our basket labels for the Fair, so please make it legible.

# IMPORTANT FAIR INFO

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT THE FAIR...



**Be an ambassador** by mentoring younger members; **Be a herdsman** by educating the public about your projects; **Be a supporter** by fundraising for the program you love; or **Be a caring adult role model** and leader. No matter how old you are; no matter how much time and energy you have at the Fair - there is a volunteer role to fit your schedule. Please consider checking in with your Tent Chair or the 4-H Information booth in the Herpetology Tent, to see who else needs a hand. The Alumni Tent will need assistance this year selling raffle tickets, and an extra hand is very rarely turned away during fair set-up or take down. All are expected to take part in these *less exciting* parts of the Fair.

**How will you make this year's Fair the best EVER?** 4-H Staff want to know! Submit your ideas to the staff at the 4-H information Booth during the Fair to enter into a *top secret contest*. 4-H members and volunteers may participate. *You don't even know... but you want to, don't you?!*

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

**At the Fair this year, you will see some familiar faces. We have many volunteers returning to take on leadership roles at the Fair. Many thanks goes to...**

Nyna McKittrick - 4-H Fair Chair

Stella Almeida - Horse Tent Chair

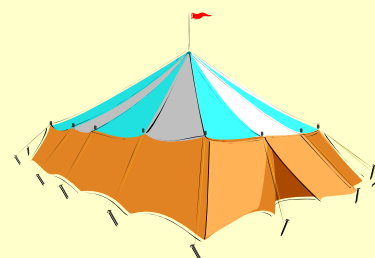
Lorraine Yoncak & Randy Martin - Small Animal Tent Chairs

Navin Boggavarapu, Edna & Billy Black - Herpetology Tent Chairs

JoAnna Tummenilo - Show Tent Chair

Sam Glucksman - Food Tent Chair

Amy Barker & Wayne Smith - Food Tent, Dunking Stool & Popcorn Booth liaisons



Many other 4-H parents and volunteers assist in Fair preparations, as well as Fair set-up and take-down.

There is always lots to do, but many hands make light work!

Thank you for your continued dedication! Here's to an excellent Fair!

# Heard Around the Clover..

## 4-H All Stars

Congratulations to the members of Rising Stars Rhythmic Gymnastics 4-H Club for their hard work throughout the year and their participation at the National Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition in Florida! We all look forward to your programs at the Fair!



## *\*To All 4-H Volunteers\**

*Thank you for leading the way! The whole club year works up to the fun and excitement of the County Fair, and none of it would be possible without YOU!*

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD

members, volunteers... anyone with transportation and some extra time. The 4-H Office Staff would like to start a seasonal intern program for teens and young adults who would like experience preparing for a large event like Fair, and working with a team to accomplish tasks. While this year's Fair is right around the corner, planning for next year starts... well, too soon. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the 4-H Office for more information.

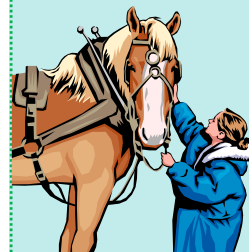
## BEYOND MONMOUTH COUNTY

It's sometimes hard to believe, but there are some really cool things that happen outside of Monmouth County, but still in NJ. In the summer, a majority of those 'things' are the 'other' county fairs. If your bored at home and CAN stand the heat, go check out the following July 4-H fairs that promise to be a great time:

- July 10-15 - Ocean County Fair (say hi to Sabrina's family)
- July 18-21 - Burlington County Fair
- July 19-21 - Cape May County Fair
- July 19-22 - Morris County Fair (say hi to Sabrina's family)
- July 25-29 - Monmouth County Fair (mandatory)
- July 25-29 - Gloucester County Fair
- July 28-29 - Mercer County Fair
- July 28-August 4 - Warren County Fair



***Congratulations to the following Monmouth County 4-H'ers who qualified for The 4-H State Horse Show***



- Daisy Brown
- Catalina Gonzalez
- Jillian Haliskoe
- Caitlin Lanigan
- Katie Rose Moran
- Laura O'Neill
- Kellie Parody
- Cameron Tague
- Erica Todd
- Joshua Todd

***Congratulations to all of our equestrians who enjoyed the Tri-County Show Series***

***Thanks to Mrs. A ... And all of the dedicated volunteers of the horse project area!***

## FUEL FOR THOUGHT

Monmouth SET Club presented The Power of Wind at the Red Bank Library to the Red Bank Transition Group. 4-H members showed people how wind turbines produce energy. They explained how the group could become more self-sufficient if they depended on less fossil fuel. **Great job SET 4-H'ers!**



# CLOVERBUD CORNER



*The 4-H Youth Development Program focuses on 'learning by doing.' Since our Cloverbud members (youth in grades K-3) are just starting out in the program and learning a whole lot, they are encouraged to participate in the many 4-H activities at the county fair. However, Cloverbud youth are not participating to be judged in competition with standard 4-H members. Rather, they are recognized for their efforts with a participation ribbon, building their confidence and the foundation of their 4-H experience.*

## Budding Clovers

By: Jana Esposito, Vice President

At our February meeting the group project was to make "All About Me" posters. In these posters we wrote about ourselves and our favorite things. We each wrote about where we live, our friends, our family, our favorite color, favorite food, and other things about ourselves. We decorated them and colored them in all different colors. We took them home and finished them.

At our March meeting we brought back our finished posters and gave a presentation. We told the group about ourselves. Then we decorated treasure boxes. We colored them and painted them. Some people decorated them with sparkles and other things, and others didn't. All of them looked so cool! At our April 4H meeting we discussed plants. We decorated flower pots, painting and coloring them. They all looked so pretty and nice. We filled them with soil and picked out our favorite flower seeds to plant. We buried the seeds in the soil and took them home to take care of. Soon we'll all have pretty flowers for spring!

I'm really excited for the next meeting and I hope you are too!



## CLOVERBUD COURT

**Celebrating our Cloverbuds (youth K-3)!**  
**Join us for fun awards at this year's fair.**  
**Receive your honorary sash**  
**and march in our bubble parade!**

Please send photo with entry to Sabrina:  
sbrown@njaes.rutgers.edu

The Monmouth County Fair Book can be found at -  
<http://co.monmouth.nj.us/documents/57/4-H%20Fair%20Book%202012.pdf>

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

I don't know about you, but watching the Olympics is my all-time favorite thing to do indoors during the summer. My all-time favorite thing to do outdoors during the summer is... you guessed it... have fun at the County Fair. This year, the Fair will have an Olympic feel. After all, the 4-H Fair theme is '4-H, Star of the Games!' We will have lots of extra activities and old time games for all ages (but we especially like Cloverbuds joining us)! So make sure to stop by the 4-H information table with your whole family... and be a star!



### Schools out for summer...

Does your family have any BIG plans? We hope you are planning on joining us for the Monmouth County Fair, July 25th-29th. 4-H Camp is also a great get-away for the kids. Check it out here: [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu). If you can't fit it into your busy schedule this summer, make sure to put it on your calendar for next year!

# \* \* \* TEEN SCENE \* \* \*

**ANSWER THE CALL!** Calling all teen 4-H'ers...If you take the lead in your club and project area, you should take a leap and join Teen Council this Fall. TC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00pm, at the 4-H Office. Teens plan events, do community service, fundraisers, and more! Each year the club takes part in Teen Winter Camp. TC is for all teens, grades 8 and up, so don't wait... join with a friend and start leading on another level!

## **SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE (S.J.T.C.)** By: Linette Reeman

Try, if you can, to remember your first experience with swimming. For most people, this experience was probably over the summer as a young child; being helped into the shallow end by a kindly instructor at the community pool, or being tossed into the deep end of the family pool by an uncle. Do you remember the panic you must have felt, aching lungs desperate for fresh air, and head abuzz with confusion? And yet, struggling at first but then the struggle giving way to a more confident if uneven stroke, you began to swim. My experience this past winter with the South Jersey Teen Conference (SJTC) was much like a first swimming exposure. There I was, tossed into the deep end of 4-H and floundering around for something familiar to grasp onto. It was my first overnight conference of any sort, I had not met a single person there before, and I basically had no idea what was expected of me. Fortunately, I was under the guidance of Kate Evans, who told me what I needed to know and then sent me doggy-paddling on my way to the rest of the weekend. As soon as I arrived at the hotel where SJTC was being held, I was told that I would not be rooming with anyone from Monmouth County, as I had submitted my application too late for them to hold a place for me in the girls' room. I made my way up to my room, expecting, as teenagers do, that my new roommates from Camden County would be annoying and mean and either ignore me or make fun of me. Thus I was pleasantly surprised when my roommates and I, along with their friends, got along fantastically and barely left each others' side the entire weekend. Of course, SJTC was not just an opportunity to meet new people, although that was one of the primary objectives. The topic of discussion for the conference was clean—energy, that is, and ways to conserve the bad energy and integrate the good. All the teenagers at the conference were split into groups to engage in workshops run by the club leaders and other 4-H adults. I chose to be part of the media workshop and the clean energy workshop. In the media workshop, I worked with about five other people to write and produce a commercial promoting recycling. My group wasn't able to film due to time constraints, but the workshop taught me how important giving people the message of clean energy and how to save the environment. My other workshop, clean energy, focused on building small cars which were powered by either batteries, wind, or solar energy. I worked with one other person, and we soon discovered that building even a toy car out of cardboard was harder than we expected. However, within the lesson we were also taught which real-life cars were the most conducive to saving energy, and how to use clean energy to help power the cars that exist now. Besides participating in workshops, everyone was also given the opportunity to go on a scheduled recreational activity during the second afternoon. I chose to go on the history tour, wherein we visited a battlefield, a famous fort, and various museums and reenactments dedicated to the time period of the battles discussed. I was really glad I chose this activity over the other ones (like swimming at the YMCA), because not only do I really enjoy learning about history, but I think that it is important for people to be informed about history from areas other than where they live or where they grew up. All in all, it was a perfectly educational afternoon. Predictably, any conference of teenagers would not be complete without a fancy dinner and a following dance. At the dinner, those who had signed up in advance were given the opportunity to perform something of their choice. I gave a reading of my poem "black boxes," and had a lot of fun just hanging out with my new friends and watching all of the performances. At the very end of the weekend, Kate Everett asked me to write a short blurb out that Monmouth County could give during the closing ceremony. I was very surprised when Ms. Everett called me up and asked me to read what I had written in front of the entire conference. I was honored to be part of the closing ceremony, as this had been my first year participating in SJTC, and it went over very well.

Going to SJTC honestly changed the way I think about a lot of things. I am now more conscientious about recycling, and I know more about how to incorporate energy saving techniques into my daily routine. In addition, going to SJTC made me feel more a part of 4-H. Despite it being my first time attending a 4-H conference, the people there made me feel relaxed and at home. SJTC reminded me that no matter where I go, or what I do, 4-H will always be there backing me up, and I know I will always find a use for the skills and knowledge that I have acquired through 4-H. So here I am now, no longer floundering in the deep end of the pool, trying to doggy-paddle. I now swim with more confident strokes towards future 4-H conferences, and hopefully, towards making the best, better!



# **COMING FALL 2012: INTERSTATE EXCHANGE CLUB**

**WHO CAN JOIN:** All Monmouth County teens, in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, who are interested in learning about different cultures and lifestyles, traveling, service learning, fundraising, and project planning.

**WHAT DO WE DO:** Learn more about leadership skills as you make new friends, plan fundraisers and exchange club trips to visit 4-H clubs in other states.

**PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB:** Make new friends, develop leadership skills, address community needs, learn how and why differences are valuable within groups, and have FUN!

**WHEN & WHERE WE MEET:** The first Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm  
Monmouth County Agricultural Building, 4000 Kozloski Road, P.O. Box 5033,  
Freehold, NJ 07728-5033 (Off Burlington Road and behind Police Academy)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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*“Don’t wait to join! Exchange will CHANGE your perspective... & your life!”*

## **MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR & SENIOR EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR**

It not only take countless hours of dedication and determination, it takes a special spirit to be considered for Equestrian of the Year. Congratulations were given as out-going Equestrian of the Year, Amanda Keynton, passed on her sash to Joshua Todd. Natalie Cribbins was named Junior EOY, and Erica Todd was named Junior EOY 1st Runner Up.

The Equestrian of the Year (EOY) competition was held on May 1, 2012. There is a Senior and Junior division, with the Senior division winner moving on to the State 4-H EOY contest (if eligibility requirements are met). All contestants submit an application, have a personal interview with a panel of judges, and give a 3-5 minutes stage presentation. The judges score all three of these and select a winner in each division. The presentations this year were based on the question—“What would you do if you found your horse laying down in its stall?”

The Equestrian of the Year contest is an ambassador program which encourages 4-H’ers to become well-rounded individuals with a comprehensive background in the horse science field. Emphasis is placed on the participation in the educational equine events, such as Horse Bowl, Horse Judging and Hippology, public speaking skills through the county and state program, as well as the Equine Presentation contest. Leadership proficiency by the participation in the State Horse Project Teen Council (HPTC) and the county-level teen leadership programs, in addition to community service activities and other equine related activities are also expected.

Thanks to fellow judges Randy Martin and Stephanie Cole. Special thanks to Stella Almeida for her tireless efforts in the Horse Project area and her endless dedication!

Nyna McKittrick — Volunteer 4-H Club Leader, Monmouth County - State 4-H Representative,  
Monmouth County 4-H Association Vice-President, Monmouth County 4-H Fair Chair



# LEADER'S HELPER

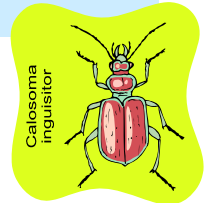
## 2012 North Central Region Volunteer Forum

October 11 - 14, in Wichita, Kansas

The North East Region Volunteer Forum (NERVF) will only be offered as online seminars this year due to budgetary restrictions. However, the North Central Forum is open to interested volunteers from our region. Check out the following site for registration and more information: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314> Also, please check out Kansas4-H.org, and click on the Forum logo in the center of the page. This web page is has the latest Information with the Registration Booklet and links to the online registration and hotel as well as lots of other information. We have three outstanding speakers and 50 great workshop sessions planned. See you there!



### OUTDOOR FUN / CLUB PROJECT



4-H and the Master Gardeners invite you to start bugging us! Learn about entomology by becoming bug detectives. Collect and identify insects throughout the summer for a future Master Gardeners' insect display. An insect mounting workshop will take place in August. In conjunction, get creative and make some really wild and crazy creepy crawly art. Drawings,

painting, photography and sculpture...we want them all! Enter your art in the fair and then enter them again... Join us for the INSANE INSECTS 4-H ART SHOW opening reception on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4:00 pm at BUGS, BIRDS & BEYOND DAY We'll conclude our project with a 4-H family trip to INSECTROPOLIS in the fall. See Collection Instructions and Art Show information available at the 4-H Office, or from 4-H Staff.

## JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Many 4-H clubs take a break directly before and after the County Fair. You may not be thinking about the next club year yet... but it will be here before we know it. REALLY. So, why not check out the National 4-H website at 4-h.org for important information on the newest national promotional campaign... *'Join the Revolution of Responsibility.'* Now, you may not be the biggest fan of the statement at first. I remember thinking that it sounded more like an army recruitment campaign than 4-H. But, once I saw the videos done by 4-H members and their clubs and I reflected upon the simple words of the slogan, I got it. The best tool we equip youth members with is the notion of responsibility. They leave our program feeling empowered to make positive changes in themselves and their communities. What's more, they know it is their responsibility to change it for the better, and they have the confidence to see it through!

## NAT'L SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

Out of Ohio State University, the 2012 4-H National Science Experiment is going to be epic! Plan ahead to get your club, regardless of your project area, involved in the biggest national youth science experiment done on one day - October 10, 2012 is the official day! No worries if your club can not take part on the 10th...



Get your group together any time in October of a fun way to explore basic engineering concepts. The 4-H Office will have kits. Until then, check out 4-H.org for tips on planning your Nat'l Science Experiment event. Have a blast!

Have you seen 4-H in the news? If so, please forward a link or a clipping to the 4-H Office. Thanks!

# IN THE NEWS



## Memorial Day Parade

Did you know that Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic? It was first observed on May 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Freehold Memorial Day Parade is the oldest and largest such parade in Western Monmouth County, with an average of more than 70 units participating. This year 4-H members joined many Monmouth County residents who gathered on Memorial Day to pay tribute to fallen military men and women that died in the service of our country. Downtown Freehold, our county seat, held their 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Parade. 4-H was one of many civic organizations who participated alongside veterans and active soldiers in this event. Club members marched on foot, road on horseback or waved from atop our decorated float. They traveled along flagged lined Main Street in memory of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. After the parade everyone enjoyed refreshments at the County Court House.

On Monday, June 04, 2012, Freehold Council officials presented the Monmouth County 4-H Youth Development with 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the BEST OVERALL YOUTH UNIT. (Check out the plaque and Asbury Park Press News Story on display at the 4-H front counter). Special thanks to Lorraine Yoncak, Meg Whitehouse and all the 4-H families who participated in this wonderful event!

In all, twenty Monmouth County 4-H families participated in the Freehold Memorial Day Parade in the 4-H division. This included a float, which was a decorated flat bed truck donated by the Reid Sod Farm of Freehold, that many rode on. There were rabbits in decorated wagons pulled by 4-Her's. To finish with a big impact horses, riders and walkers followed the truck and of course last, but not least, our very own pooper scooper followed us all.

Youth participants representing 4-H came from a variety of clubs, including: Teen Council, 14 Carrot Rabbit, Animal Science, Raging Reptiles, Monmouth Livestock, Knight Riders, and Above & Beyond. This was terrific attendance, and we hope to see even more new faces next year!

At left, 4-H members and parents ride on the 4-H float.

## State 4-H

### Public Presentations

On June 9th, Rutgers 4-H Youth Development Program hosted the 2012 NJ State 4-H Public Presentations Day on Douglass Campus in New Brunswick. Over 100 4-H members from 19 counties participated, giving oral presentations on a variety of subject areas. To qualify, each participant must be a 4-H member enrolled in 8 – 13<sup>th</sup> grade and have received an excellent rating on their presentation at the county level.

The event provides an opportunity for 4-H members to compete with their public presentations on the state level with 4-H members from around New Jersey. The presentations were judged by teams of 4-H volunteers, staff, alumni, and educators, as audience members watched. Each participant received an excellent, very good or good ribbon and the top presentation in each room received an Outstanding Room Award. The following 4-H members from Monmouth County gave outstanding presentations and received state recognition for their accomplishments:

Angela Bekampis	Award: Very Good
Gautam Boggavarapu	Award: Very Good
Daisy Brown	Award: Very Good
Samantha Eisenberg	Award: Excellent
Kathryn Gray	Award: Excellent
Erika Lau	Award: Very Good
Morgan Martin	Award: Excellent
Mary Grace Rapolla	Award: Excellent
McKayla Tyrrell	Award: Excellent
Rebecca Shannon	Award: Excellent

Congratulations to all 4-H members who participated. If you are eligible to take part in the State 4-H Public Presentations contest next year, you are strongly encouraged to do so. Not only will the experience serve to improve your confidence, your participation at the contest will make you eligible for other statewide events.



Families gather at the 138th Freehold Memorial Day Parade on Monday to show their appreciation for veterans, past and present. MARY FRANKSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# CLUB REPORTS

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Raging Reptiles 4-H Club at The Fair at St. Catherine's  
By Gautam Boggavarapu

Our club, The Raging Reptiles, visited the fair at St. Catherine's in Middletown, on May 29th to show and educate the public about snakes and reptiles. It was a big hit. We had a lot of people stop at our table and ask questions. It was a hands-on experience for the public as they were allowed to touch some of the animals. We had about six different types of reptiles and about ten different types of snakes. It was good practice to fine tune our skills for the Monmouth County Fair. The visitors were taught valuable skills on how to handle snakes and we reviewed what rules to follow during the fair. We also gave them information on having a reptile as a pet. A lot of people have misconceptions about how snakes and lizards can be pets and I think we tried to answer the questions to the best of our abilities and put people who were scared at ease. It was a blast and we had a fun time enjoying the fair and the company of other 4-H members. The St. Catherine's fair staff were very kind and even went out of their way to help us and spread the word about our club.



## EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER

'Snake Man' Guest Speaker

On April 20th, the Raging Reptiles hosted an educational guest speaker to a full crowd of 4'Hers. The Raging Reptiles extend many thanks to the 14 Carrot Rabbit Club, Anime Club, Animal Science Club and The Monmouth County 4-H Association for supporting this educational experience.

## THE FAIR IS COMING

Monmouth Livestock/Free Spirit Goat Club  
By Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

We are all busy with our animal projects! The Cary's have newborn goats on their farm. Sarah, Dan, and I are excited about our new chicks with more expected to arrive any day. The Nichols have a new donkey, a new pig, and newborn lambs. The Levens' farm has sheep and goats. Noelle welcomed a new foal. My trianta is expecting in June. Dan has new lizards. We have also been busy with other activities. In April, we met at the Nichols farm. The meetings at the Nichols are always interesting and fun! We worked on our party box for Ronald McDonald House. We plan to take it the box to Ronald McDonald house this summer with our pop tabs. Mrs. DeStefano will coordinate the visit to Ronald McDonald House. In May, we met at Noah's Acres. Mrs. Mariolis led the meeting and we worked on showmanship techniques and hoof trimming. Thank you Mrs. Mariolis! Amanda, Dan, Sarah and I went to the Monmouth County Show in Belmar. We had a lot of fun. In May, Mrs. Bond took Sarah and me to the Sussex County 4-H Poultry show. There were over 300 birds! Sarah showed her chickens and we both participated in showmanship. Thanks to Mrs. Bond for driving. We are also planning to march in the Memorial Day Parade. In June, we had a special meeting to practice for the Fair. We will be busy finishing our Record Books and planning for the Fair activities!



## LEADERSHIP—JUNIOR COUNCIL

At February's meeting JonAnthony did his presentation on Gardening. As a Junior Master Gardener, Jon highlighted his school garden in Farmingdale. We learned a lot about different varieties of vegetables. A local farmer was so impressed with JonAnthony's agricultural knowledge the farmer offered Jon the privilege of farming an acre of his land. What an excellent opportunity! Everyone received Character Counts Kits to help us remember to be the best that we can be. In March, all members participated in County Public Presentations and did a great job! For April, we held our own 2012 Junior Council Teen Action Day. A trip to the Manasquan Reservoir included a picnic, a hike at Chestnut Point, and a litter clean up along the rocky shore for community service. Afterwards we enjoyed bald eagle watching and learning some fishing techniques from Virginia's husband Dave. Dan caught and released a colorful sun fish! A beautiful sunset was the perfect end to a wonderful trip.

# **\*\* FREE TEEN CAMP OPPORTUNITY \*\***

## **2012 NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp**

Sponsored by NJ 4-H State Teen Action Council & NJ Speak Out for Military Kids

- Who:** 4-H and Military Youth, grades 7 – 13 (*Grade you are going into fall 2012*)  
Middle School and High School track, Adult and Collegiate facilitators.
- What:** Leadership activities, service learning projects, teambuilding, hiking, boating and more.... all set in a beautiful outdoor environment. All offered FREE OF CHARGE!!!
- Where:** Monmouth County Park System – Nomoco Family Campground (tent camping)  
Freehold, NJ 07728
- When:** 5:00pm Friday, August 24 to 10:00am Sunday, August 26, 2012

**Required:** Registration form below plus a 4-H Event Permission Form and Health form -  
Email [keverett@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:keverett@njaes.rutgers.edu) for electronic copies.

*Come ready to explore outdoor adventures,  
participate in building life skills and best of all, make new friends!*

**You will receive a confirmation letter with directions once you have registered.**

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### **REGISTRATION FORM – NJ 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP – AUGUST 2012**

For questions, contact Kate Everett at (732)431-7260 x7266

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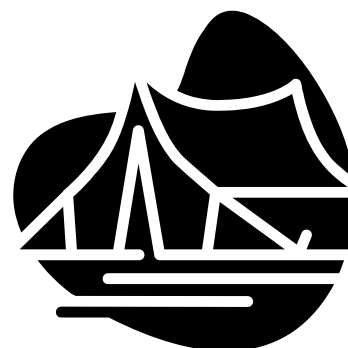
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Organization (4-H / Military) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Return with health and permission forms by  
August 13th, 2012 to:**

NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp  
Attn: Kate Everett  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4-H  
4000 Kozloski Road, PO Box 5033  
Freehold, NJ 07728-5033



# July 2012

## Upcoming 4-H Events:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Family Camp	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Monmouth County Fair			

# August 2012

## Upcoming 4-H Events:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		State Horse Show ⇄			<b>Teen Leadership</b>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Camp</b>						



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