

THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE



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“One World, Our Dream”

When 4-H'ers say the 4-H pledge, they are committed to making the world a better place. They are pledging to use their “head, hearts, hands, and health” to “Make The Best Better.” 4-H'ers through their 4-H participation, commit to building themselves physically, socially, mentally and emotionally so that they can, in turn, better serve their world. Our 2008 fair theme “4-H One World, Our Dream” reflects the self development and community development mission of 4-H.

Within the 4-H fair theme “4-H One World, Our Dream” is also the recognition that 4-H promotes diversity in its membership and programming. Our dream, which we daily aim to make a reality, is to see a world in which differences are celebrated and opportunities equalized for all. As you interact with 4-H'ers at the fair, you will observe citizenship in action, helping to create one world, our dream. The 4-H projects and activities you see at the fair are visible evidence of goals and dreams being realized by our 4-H'ers.

The fair is a culminating event, which celebrates the achievements and learning of our 4-H'ers throughout the prior year. Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers whose 4-H work will be recognized at the fair. Much thanks goes to all of our youth and adult volunteers and staff who contribute to making the fair such a success.

The goals of the Monmouth County Fair include to:

1. Recognize the accomplishments of the 4-H members.
2. Showcase the scope of the county's 4-H program
3. Serve as a forum for evaluating 4-H members' accomplishments
4. Familiarize the public with 4-H philosophy and programs
5. Encourage teens and adults to become 4-H volunteers
6. Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in a fun, educational, family-oriented event
7. Obtain funding to assist in supporting 4-H activities throughout the fair

Join 4-H at the Monmouth County fair; be part of the celebration of One World, Our Dream. Through your support as a youth, leader, volunteer, or community member, we can together build that world of unity and promise.

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NEW CLUBS: Ocean Grown Life Learners —The Ocean Grown Life Learners are homeschoolers who engage in a variety of fun 4-H “hands on” activities. The club meets on Thursdays at Ascension Church in Bradley Beach.

NEW LEADERS: Anne Marie Shotwell, Leader Ocean Grown Life Learners
Dawn Maghan, Co-Leader Ocean Grown Life Learners

Lori Landry, Co-Leader Raging Reptiles

14 Carrot Rabbit Club

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4-H Health & Service

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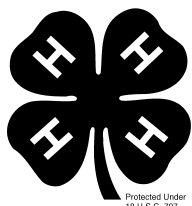
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4-H Mission Statement

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.

The Power of Music

Giovanni F. DeGrande

Sophia Vreeland

Natalie R. Wass

Ocean Grown Life Learners

Andrew S. Acacia

Brianna M. Acacia

Brody J. Dayton

Carly R. Dayton

Emily C. Isaga

Isabel R. Isaga

Noah T. Maghan

Justin M. Magnetti

Griffin L. O'Donnell

Riley B. O'Donnell

Jonah Resnick

Noah Resnick

Maya I. Salerno

Xavier Slick

Owen M. Shannon

John T. Shotwell

Taishauna M. Vanduyne

Paws 4 A Cause

Austin Cammarata

Martin Cammarata

Emma C. Gulbin

David Hoff

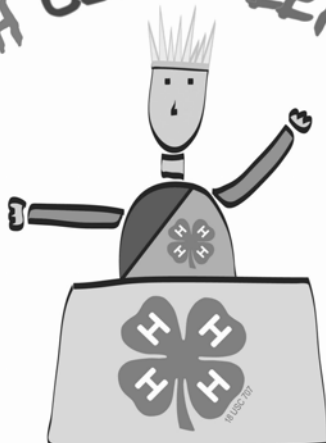
Shane M. Peles

Sci-Borgs Builders

Louis Rodriguez



4-H CLUB MEETING



Heard Around The 4-H Clover

KNIGHT RIDERS

By: Abbey Lanz

The Knight Riders had our meeting on April 11th. We had a professional yoga instructor from Freehold Yoga Center come in and teach us an hour of yoga. This was to help us learn how to relax before horse shows so we don't get too stressed out. Also on April 10th the Knight Riders held a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We had a 50/50 and raffled gift baskets donated by generous friends. Along with this, everyone who ate there, 20% of their check was donated to us. We will be having another one in June. Please join us for our next meeting if you interested in becoming a KNIGHT RIDER.



MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK

By: Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

Members of the Monmouth Livestock 4-H club are eagerly preparing for the Monmouth County Fair. Many of the members will also be showing their animals and looking forward to these opportunities.

Congratulations to Lauren Myles. Lauren gave an excellent presentation at the Club and County level on floral arranging and scored high enough to go on to the State level. Brooke Levens (grade 4) and Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak (prep) also gave excellent presentations at the County level.

We continue to meet monthly, focusing on a different animal each month, including poultry, sheep and, most recently, goats. For our April meeting we will be joined by the Curry Combs.

Club members are enjoying 4-H activities, participating in the 4-H Science Fair and participating in the Monmouth County Small Animal Show in Belmar.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CLUB

By: Johnine Licht

Our club has begun preparing for the fair this summer. Some of our members will give presentations at the fair.



Mrs. Whitehouse reminded us that the Rabbit Academy is coming up in May. Sara practiced her presentation on Shadow, her rabbit. He is a 3 year old black Netherland Dwarf. I presented on the controversy between creation and evolution. Mrs. Whitehouse gave us some good advice, "It is important to keep note cards, but with more practice, there is less need for the cards, and your presentation will flow."

Some other news in our club, Dan Moore has earned the next belt in karate.



Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

SCI-BORGS

By: Gladys Rios, Leader

We are here because we all know that Science is an important part of our children's life. We use it throughout the entire day. From cooking to computers, to planting flowers to brushing our teeth, to driving a car, everything we do involves science.

The purpose of this group is to learn about science with hands-on activities.

Please visit the following links and learn more about the influence 4-H is trying to have on our children with SET.

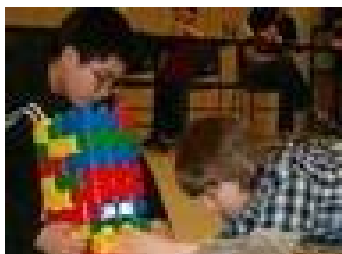
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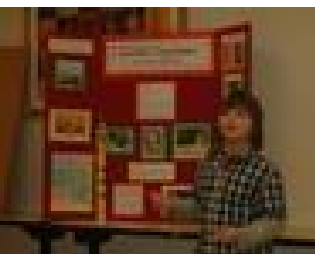
(click on "SET standard abilities" to see what Science, Engineering & Technology is encouraging to be taught to our children.)

Our Lego group, as most people call it, falls under the Engineering, Technology and other group and it is only 16% SET. I don't think that we should limit ourselves to just 16%. I want our children to have a hands on the other 94% I do want everyone to build and construct, that is our base for our building group. But, I do not think that we should have to limit our children. Bring Lego, K'next, pipecleaners, Ellos, Clickits and Duplos. Let's use them all. Let's also invent with paper, straws, pencils and paperclips. Our next meeting will be April 24th.

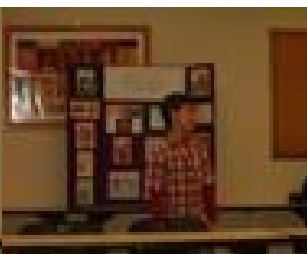
On May 22, our guest Virginia Krzyzanowski, will visit Sci-Borgs. The theme will be 5-A-Day and we will be part of SET.



Ian Rios and Jonah Resnick at Sci-Borg Meeting on April 10, 2008.



Jonah Resnick at County Presentations on April 10, 2008.



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Jona and Ian playing chess at their March 8th meeting.



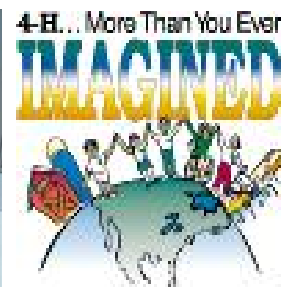
A picture of Jonah's machine at March 8th meeting.



Knex Creation made at the March 8th meeting.



Playing Mancala at March 8th meeting.



4-H AT HIGH TECH

By: Shawna Hagen, President

Shawna Hagen here (head of 4-H at High Tech). I just wanted to give you an update on what we've been up to and what we're planning. I have attached some pictures from our Chinese new year celebration. During lunch we had some students perform Chinese yo-yo as well as classical Chinese flute, violin, and piano. Students were able to order Chinese food through us ahead of time so a large portion of students were able to eat Chinese food while learning about this important Chinese holiday.



I'm also pleased to invite you Ms Williams, to our Multi-Cultural Fair on April 4th. We discussed this when you came to visit, but I thought I would refresh your memory. We decorate the entire school and place informational boards made by the students throughout the hallways; there are plenty of food and prizes. It is always a lot of fun. We also are planning our trip to Phantom of the Opera on May 21. We will be going to lunch at the South Street Seaport before heading over to the show.

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

By: John Redding, Reporter

During our February meeting, we learned about snow and ice crystals. Mrs. Yoncak led the discussion and taught us some interesting ways to observe crystals. Unfortunately, there wasn't any snow outside for a hands-on demonstration.



In March we worked on our plans for the growth chambers for our seeds that flew in outer space. Some families took home the seeds to start them. It will be interesting to see if there is a difference in their germination with the ones that stayed on Earth.

Pictured left: Teams from Nature's Navigators work on Growth Chamber Designs to grow seeds flown in space

Our Spring hike was at Clayton Park in Upper Freehold Twp. on April 11th at 6:00pm. The trails are for hiking, biking and horses. It was exciting to see signs of spring, oh, the smell of skunk cabbage! We learned always to be prepared on a hike; we meant to take a one hour hike but turned on the wrong trail and hiked for two hours.

In honor of Earth Day, we encourage everyone to spend some time in our parks to learn more about nature and ways we can help to preserve it. We look forward to our annual Camping Trip in June and the County Fair in July.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

By: Amanda Tursi, Club Treasurer

Our club has been very busy these last couple of months. We have had some new members join our club and the old ones continue to be active. Recently, we had a dog birthday party for club dogs Jimmy and Johnny Jo. The members who came had fun and we hope to have another one next year.



Our business meetings have also been going well. Our new officers are learning their jobs fast and the returning officers are continuing to do a great job. After each meeting we have had a dog related speaker, usually with dogs, come, too. For example, after our February meeting, Isa Fowler came to our meeting to talk to us about dog first aid. She is certified by the Red Cross as a Pet First Aid instructor. Most recently, at our last business meeting in March, the Wall Canine Unit sent two of their officers with 2 of their police dogs to give a fantastic demonstration for our club. They showed how dogs sniff out drugs and attack criminals on command. Both of these groups gave very good demonstrations and we thank them for doing them!



Future events we will be doing include the State 4-H Dog show on April 26. Mary and Amanda will each be showing their dogs there for the first time this year. Other club members interested in watching are invited to come and watch and learn with us. Next year, we hope to have more club members giving 4-H dog shows a try. We are also going to Bark in the Park this year, the Blue Claws game on May 3 when dogs are allowed to go to the game. Our president Monica is throwing out the first pitch because she is Miss Scholastic Preteen for the State of New Jersey.

Our next business meeting is on May 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Eatontown Community Center if you are interested in giving our club a try. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Ann at 732-935-0922 or by e-mail at Leeanntursi@verizon.net.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

By: Katherine Sotovelez

The 4-H 14 Carrot Rabbit club is back in action! We've been out and about showing, as usual, and there's plenty more to come. We've got events like Oakley farms, the Ocean show, and the Belmar show, as well as our upcoming elections!

First off, let's go over the Belmar show. The weather was great and there was also an amazing turnout! Everyone had gotten there nice and early for set-up, and it ended up being a great time for everyone. The tables were set up for everyone's rabbits, each one propped up and set for the judges who were coming in to judge for our show. There were spots for travel cages and small animals, as well as an entire area dedicated to reptiles.

The day of the show was great too. When you first walked in, there was our usual table set-up with ribbons and trophies for later on in the day, and area for food, the entire building set-up for showing as well as tricky tray, then, of course, a wonderful view of the beach to finish it all off. There were people flooding through the doors, setting up their rabbits, small animals and reptiles, soon the building was packed. Without much delay, the judging began and off it all went. Regardless of the constant hectic moving about, it was a great day for everyone.

The Ocean show was a great one also. We may not have been there for set-up, but by the way it was all put together, you knew it was going to be good. There was plastic set out for the travel cages, and again, an area for small animals. It was held within a school auditorium which left everyone a lot of room. Again, everything ran smoothly with the judges and much too soon, the show was over.

Now, we have Oakley Farms! This is a very fun and interesting trip used to promote 4-H. 14 Carrot brings some rabbits and sets up so that the public can come out and visit them, as well as us, and all ends up being very educating for everyone!

Lastly, we have our elections. That's right; it's time for a change in office again for our 4-H members. Nobody quite knows how it's going to end up or who's even running this time around, so you'll all be updated after our next meeting. I just wanted to say good luck to everyone running, and have a great day to everyone reading!



Above are pictures of 14 Carrot's visit to Monmouth Crossing Assisted Living in March 2008.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

SWAP

By: Susan McLoughlin, Leader

SWAP has been working hard on their art work and planning for the fair. Each of the members hope to enter at least two art pieces in the fair and at least three entries each in the fair this year. At our meeting on April 9th we practiced sketching for a pastel project and blending pastels. At our meeting on April 23rd, we will be working on our scrapbooks.



Patricia McLoughlin and Katie McLoughlin both entered the Middletown Youth Art Show in March. Patricia won 3rd place in 3-D Sculpture division for 8 through 12 year olds for her bird bath that was hand built from clay, fired, and glazed. Congratulations.

As we approach the summer, we are concentrating on finishing and selecting art work for the fair and designing our club booth.



M-14

By: Susan McLoughlin, Leader

M-14 is back into the swing of things and enjoying our animals. We showed our animals at both the Middlesex County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal Show on March 8th and the Monmouth County Small Animal and Rabbit Show on April 5th. On March 8th, Annie Pincay showed her rabbit for the first time and Katie and Patricia McLoughlin showed their rabbits.

At the Monmouth County Show, Annie Pincay and Patricia McLoughlin both entered the Poster Contest. Annie won 1st place and Patricia won 3rd place. Good job girls. Showing at the show were Annie Pincay, Katie McLoughlin, Patricia McLoughlin, Kayla Toris, Taylor Toris, and Juliette Muth. Taylor's guinea pig and Patricia's Thrianta rabbit both received Best of Breed. Everyone enjoyed the day at the shore—showing their animals and enjoying the warm sunshine.



Above: Annie Pincay and Katie McLoughlin show their mini-lop rabbits.

Below: Patricia McLoughlin shows her Thrianta rabbit.



Below: Patricia McLoughlin, Annie Pincay, Katie McLoughlin, Heathergrace McLoughlin (future 4-H'er), Taylor Toris, Colleen McLoughlin (baby 4-H'er), and Kayla enjoying the sunshine at the Monmouth County Show.



Above: Annie Pincay and Patricia McLoughlin with their trophies from the Poster Contest.



HEARD AROUND THE CLOVER (cont.)

4-H HEALTH AND SERVICE CLUB



The 4-H Health and Service Club was nominated for a group Service Award and received Certificates of Recognition from The Volunteer Center of Monmouth County. 4-H Officers along with Principal Robert Cancro represented The Academy of Allied Health and Science High School at the Recognition Luncheon on April 16, 2008 at Branches in West Long Branch.

Pictured Left to Right: Tina Chou, Alison Poandl and Lauren Rupp.

MONMOUTH BLASTERS

By: Chris Whitehouse, Leader



Pictured Left: Carla Rios with her rocket at Blasters on March 8th.



Pictured left: Mr. Chris Whitehouse, leader of the Monmouth Blasters, helps Carla Rios, member, get ready to launch her rocket.

FRIENDSHIP CULTURE CLUB

By: Gladys Rios, Leader



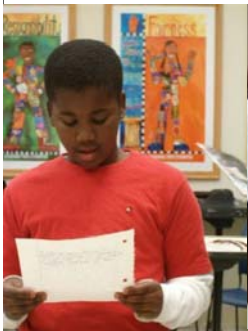
L to R: Gabriella Gregorio, Carla Rios, Maria Gregorio.



Cameron and Josh at meeting.



Friendship Cultural Club doing Limbo at their March meeting.



Josh presenting



Mackenzi presenting.



Ian's dreadlocks.



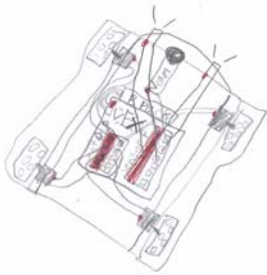
Cameron and Mackenzi presenting.

The four pictures to the left show the various members presenting on Jamaica at the March 8th meeting of the Friendship Cultural Club.

YOUTH CORNER (cont.)



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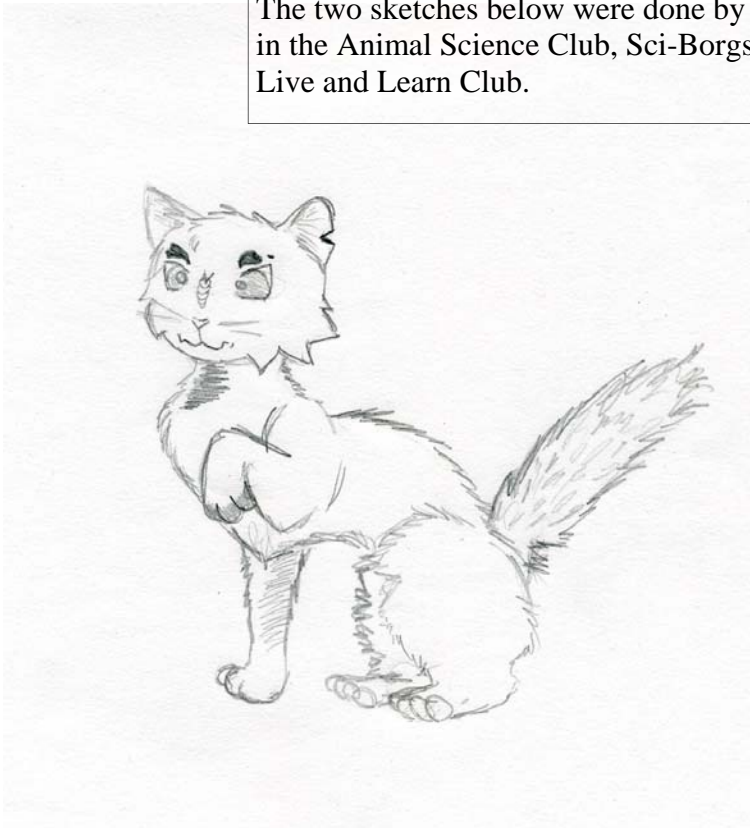
The above drawing is entitled, "VEX Robot FTC" and was drawn by Ian A. Rios of the Sci-Borgs.



The above drawing is entitled, "FRC-Robot" by Ian A. Rios of the Sci-Borgs.



The two sketches below were done by Jillian Milne. Jillian is in the Animal Science Club, Sci-Borgs Builders Club and the Live and Learn Club.





THANK YOU

TEEN COUNCIL

Thank you for your donation to the Sci-Borgs group. We appreciate the materials and look forward to learning how to work with them.

From, Ian Rios

DEAR AMBASSADOR AMELIA

Thank you for choosing our club to speak to about Child Advocacy. We are proud that you have taken it upon yourself and your peers to handle this project. We are proud of you and will encourage other clubs to invite you to come speak. We want to learn more on how we can help with Child Advocacy. Please get us more information.

Good Luck, Friendship Culture Club

YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL AND KELLY VALENTI



Thank you for the St. Patrick's Day Party. I had a lot of fun. You make great parties and I am happy that I have gone to most of them.

From Carla Rios



TEEN COUNCIL

Thank you for putting together the Team Building Activity. The Friendship Culture Club had a wonderful time at your event. We are grateful that you are the role models our children have to follow. Keep up the great work and we will continue to follow.

From, the Friendship Culture Club

The three pictures below show the Friendship Culture Club participating in Team Building Activities with the Teen Council and advisor, Virginia Krzyzanowski.





THANK YOU

POPCORN PARK ZOO

March 28, 2008

14 Carrot Rabbit 4-H Club
c/o Lorraine Yoncak
193 Ely Harmony Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Members:

On behalf of all the animals at the Associated Humane Societies and Popcorn Park Zoo, I would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations that you brought to our Forked River facility this past Wednesday. All the items included dry dog food, cleaning supplies, blankets, rags, Clorox sponges, Blue Field dog biscuits and Rabbit food.

With so many animals in need, more than ever before, each and every contribution is of vital importance to the well-being of our cats, dogs, small animals, and the residents of Popcorn Park Zoo. It is our mission to provide the very best of care for the animals that come through our doors, as well as to make improvements for their comfort and well-being whenever needed. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, we continue to achieve this goal.

With deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,

Roseann Trezza
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Dear Middletown Curry Combs,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of socks. Our organization works with families in Long Branch, Asbury Park, Westside of Red Bank, and in Ounaminthe, Haiti. Your socks that you collected travelled all the way down to Haiti this past February. Along with your socks, we took new or slightly used shoes to give to a small community where we are planning on building a missionary training school, orphanage, and medical clinic.

It was an amazing experience to hand young people to old people a pair of shoes along with one or two pairs of socks. We take for granted the little things like socks. While down there, I had to show several people what socks were for and how to put them on before you put on shoes. You gave this community a small luxury that they have never had before. I had a woman who looked like she was in her seventies cry when we gave her these items and showed her how they would protect her feet.

Your generosity not only touched our organization, but it also impacted a small community in Haiti. Thank you for your donation. Every little bit helps and can change lives, even a pair of socks.

Blessings,

Kathryn Eagles
 Executive Program Director



CONGRATULATIONS

FIELD STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

By: **Melissa Whoeler, Thunderhoofs & Animal Science Member**

Back in February I was nominated for the Dr. Norman Field Student Achievement Award by the Career Center which I attend afternoons (mornings I'm at Marlboro High School) and is part of the Monmouth County Vocational Program. I've been in the Horticulture Program for the past three years, and think this is the field for me. Two weeks later I received a letter telling me that I was selected and would be going to an award ceremony on April 3, 2008 at Marlboro High School.

Every year school administrators in Monmouth County are asked to nominate one student from each middle and high school for the award. This was the 28th time it was held. Students are chosen for personal growth, academic excellence, civic responsibility and their unique contributions in making their school and community a better place. This year 92 students were honored. We each got an award, a citation from Sen. Jen Beck's office, and a small gift.

It was a special event made even better because of those who shared it with me. Naturally my family and school administration came, but so did some very special people who have had such an impact on my life these past four years. These people are my role models, my "teachers" and leaders; people I look up to and copy—my adult 4-H friends. I was so honored to have Ellen, Kelly, Meg and Virginia there. Unfortunately, Nyna couldn't come, but was with me in spirit. It's times like this that I realize just how important 4-H has been to me. It has not only been fun, but has had such a tremendous impact on me and given me values and taught me lessons I obviously learned well and carry with me. Meg and Nyna have been my leaders and friends for ten years and we've really been through a lot together. They were and are always there for me, and I know I can always count on them. They are always only a phone call away. And Ellen, Kelly and Virginia also only a phone call away, but even though I'm not in their groups, they too have been my friends and "leaders" in so many ways, always supporting and helping me. I can't thank these people enough for all they do and all they are. They are the best and always help me to "Make the Best Better". I hope I made them proud.

NEW JERSEY 4-H EQUINE ARTS SHOW

The New Jersey 4-H Equine Arts Show was held in conjunction with the N.J. State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest on Saturday, March 8, 2008 in Burlington County. This was a great opportunity for 4-H members to show off their artistic talents and imagination. More than a hundred entries were entered in several different classes in both the Junior and Senior division from 4-H members throughout the state. There were many creative equine themed pieces of art work entered such as a cross stitch picture, wood carvings, hand sewn booth bag, sketches using pencils and crayons, leatherwork, ceramics, photography, acrylic paintings, plus so much more.

One of Monmouth County's own, Kelly Shoemaker from Curry Combs and Free Spirit Goat Club, took 2nd place in the Model Tack and Leatherwork class and 3rd place in Photography class in the Senior Division. All entries were photographed to be entered into "Horse News" equine art contest. All 4-H members are encouraged to express their artistic talents and participate in this event next year.



CONGRATULATIONS

2008 NEW JERSEY HORSE BOWL

89 Senior competitors were from 12 counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT:

9. Christin Sagui, Monmouth County

Congratulations to Christin, who is also an alternate for the New Jersey 4-H Horse Bowl Team



MONMOUTH COUNTY 2008 JUNIOR EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our first Monmouth County JUNIOR Equestrian of the Year—Randi Door.

Randi is a member of Bits and Bridles and is the current Co-President of the Youth Horse Council. Randi brings her enthusiasm for horses and her love for 4-H to this new leadership role. Randi has also been instrumental in promoting Youth Horse Council by serving on the education committee. As a member of the YHC publicity committee she worked diligently on this past year's Open House where we had great success with 48% of the people attending signing up to be a part of our 4-H family. Randi's energy and creativity shined through at this past fair where she decked out in green and walked around the fairgrounds handing out candy to the fairgoers who participated in the Find the 4-H'er game. We are looking forward to all of the other creative ideas our Junior Equestrian of the Year will bring to the future of 4-H.

As the Junior Equestrian of the Year Randi will have the opportunity to represent Monmouth County at various events while she promotes the horse project and 4-H.

The Junior Equestrian of the Year (JEOY) is a new leadership opportunity that was developed from ideas generated through Youth Horse Council. The JEOY contest was open to members in good standing in 7th and 8th grade who have completed 2 years in the 4-H horse project. Randi also completed a written test on horses, participated in an interview process, and did a presentation, all of which followed her resume application.

We are excited about Randi's role in the horse project and we are looking forward to all that she will accomplish during her reign. Congratulations Randi!

Thank you to everyone who supported bringing on this new leadership opportunity.

IN THE NEWS

4-H SCIENCE FAIR

By: Mary Bane, Leader

We had a great turn out for the Science Fair, it was a beautiful day and I thank you for coming out, supporting your county 4-H office and sharing your talents and projects with the group.

Everyone gave a great presentation with thought provoking and interesting topics which include: electric circuits, optical illusions, ball fall density, density of nature, the science of fingerprinting, bacteria, density of water, oil and will an ice cube sink or float, botany—plant life cycle and homemade greenhouse, molecules—to salt or not to salt experiment, mealworms—a fascinating look inside the life of these creatures, the science of construction and structures—the Empire State building and we concluded our science fair with a myth busting experiment and headed outdoors to launch mentos into orbit!

Excellent job everyone! Some projects had turned out exactly as planned for, some have had surprising and unexpected results, and some are going back to the drawing board.

Our guest Freeholder Barbara McMorrow had a great time and is looking forward to next year.

In 2009 we will be hosting the second annual Science Fair with the addition of an Art Expo—this year's Science Fair posters weren't down off of the office walls before a plan was set into motion.

All are welcome to attend, non-judged; all receive a ribbon. 4-H kids will receive a certificate in October at Awards Night.

Congratulations to all of our young scientists, and to the parents who have facilitated their learning so well.

With sincere thanks, I'm proud and impressed with the kids and their projects.



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MONMOUTH COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SHOW 2008



Set-up, everybody pitched in!



OK- Lets see what needs to be done.



The raffle table needs a poster.



4-H Ambassadors open the show.



The Raffle Table!



2008 Rabbit Ambassadors Samantha Martin and Clair McKittrick with 4-H Agent Ellen Williams



Left: Everything is done, cleaned up and put away. Another great show!

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

KIDS FOR KIDS CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO ARC

On April 18, 2008, the Kids for Kids 4-H club celebrated its 25th anniversary of providing recreational programming to ARC clients (Association for Retarded Citizens). The special occasion was the Kids for Kids social at the Shore Casino in Atlantic Highlands. Kids for Kids' members' impressive 4-H citizenship could not have been accomplished without the outstanding leadership of 4-H club leaders Cathy Sullivan and Dot Eberhardt, with the assistance of their husbands John Sullivan and Richard Eberhardt. Over the 25 years, 4-H'ers have developed life skills of appreciating differences and developing empathy towards others; this is a legacy of which 4-H can be truly proud. The following is testimony to the impact of the program on our 4-H'ers, as expressed by Dot and the members:

This Spring Formal touches so many lives. It touches every ARC participant that attends, every Kids for Kids club member, every chaperone, volunteer and every guest. This evening stays in the memory of everyone present for years. You cannot help but be moved by the smiles, the laughter and the energy in the room during that night. I love it, I never want to leave this club!

Just the fact that this Kids for Kids club has been around for 25 years is testament to the impact it has had on so many lives. Approximately 300 children have been members in Kids for Kids over the last 25 years. I truly believe that each and every one of them has gone on to be a more compassionate, understanding, and responsible adult because of their experiences through this club. Many members have gone on to work in related fields with the developmentally disabled and the handicapped. Many of them also come back to chaperone the prom each year and many do active volunteer work with ARC and other like organizations. Kids for Kids club members have worked hard each year to provide this Spring Formal, but I don't think most of them consider it work at all! I am so proud of them. It has been an amazing experience to work with these kids!

Kids for Kids could not do this amazing evening if not for the overwhelming support we receive from the ARC and their recreation department. Cindy Weigers is the Director, and Justin Dunn, her assistant, do a fantastic job. Ellen Williams and the Monmouth County 4-H have been invaluable. And the community support has been amazing. So many wonderful people and organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus and Joe Azzolina and Foodtown, have done so much to help us throughout the years. We are very lucky.

Each year—right after the Prom—I ask the club members to write something down about their feelings on that night. Here are some of this year's answers:

Cara Jaskiewicz—I look forward to this day every year. It's one of the most touching things I've ever seen and been through. It's amazing.

Meagan Sparacia—The Prom was a lot of fun. I couldn't help but smile the entire night. Seeing how happy all of the guests were and how much fun they all had was the best part of the entire prom.

Nikki Gwiazdowski—The 4-H prom truly is the best time ever. These people inspire me. It makes it feel like I'm really making a difference by making someone's night one of the best of their lives. Putting others before yourself is something people should do way more often.

Lindsay Klocko—The prom is one of the most life changing events I will ever experience. When you're there with all those smiling faces you get this amazing feeling. Even if you don't realize it, you have truly made a difference in their lives. I can honestly say that it was one of the best days of my life. I can't wait until next year.

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Kids for Kids Prom
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Rob Manzo—I am so excited for next year!

Dean Napolitano—The 4-H prom is sincerely the highlight day of my year. It is a huge inspiration in my life. The prom makes you go home with a smile.

Tim Houlihan—The prom really made me realize how lucky I am. Everyone there had the time of their lives. I really enjoyed myself and it made me smile to see them all happy.

Chris butler—The prom is sincerely the best day of the year!



Kids for Kids members Nikki Gwiazdowski, Prom Participant, Amanda Scaglione, Deb Kaiser, and Rob Manzo.



Kids for Kids members Meagan Sparacia, Dean Napolitano, Prom participant, Becca Bravaro, Sarah Newell, Chris Butler, and Dominique Calabrese.



Past Kids for Kids member Chrissy Weaver dancing with prom participant.



Prom participants dancing away.



Pictured to the left: Past Kids For Kids members Matt Eberhardt, PJ Bielavitz, Chrissy Weaver, Tammy Fudge & Mike Minervini. These are Monmouth County 4-H Alumni who participated in Kids for Kids over the years

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H HOLDS COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS MARCH 28th AND APRIL 2nd



Thank you to all the judges for their time and energy given to such an important program.



Gabriella Gregorio of Friends Culture Club is one member of 52 who presented at County.



Anthony Santoriella not only did a presentation but volunteered to be a room host. Thanks to all of our room hosts!



Matt LaMarca from Free Spirit is from one of the 21 clubs represented at County Presentations.



Chelsea Cook, like several members presented on an Equine topic. If in 8th grade and receiving an excellent score, they are eligible to go to state presentations.



One room gathered for a group photo—all smiles after a job well done.

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

Thank you to Sam Martin for taking the photos for the Yearbook Committee.

Below is the list of members presenting:

14 Carrot Rabbit Club

Emonee Davis
David Sherman
Trisha Smith
Amelia Valente
Kimberly Wood
Anthony Santoriello

4-H Health and Service

Tina Chou

Above and Beyond

Carly Eidman

Animal Science

Morgan Martin
Sam Martin

Backstage to Broadway

Rachel Ebner
Morgan Gottlieb
Briana Pheifer

Bits and Bridles

Randi Dorr

Blasters

Paul Yoncak

Curry Combs

Christin Sagui
Jessica Sagui
Chelsea Cook
Kelly Shoemaker
Brittany Rappleyea

Free Spirit

Matt LaMarca

Friends Culture Club

Ariana Gregorio
Gabriella Gregorio
Maria Gregorio
Jonah Resnick
Noah Resnick

Knight Riders

Laura Couch
Julie Couch

Monmouth Livestock

Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
Brooke Levens
Lauren Myles

Nature's Navigators

Holly Kasternakis
Kassy Kasternakis
Tiffany Kasternakis
Alexander Kubiak

Pause 4 A Cause

Monica Murphy
Amanda Tursi
Mary Tursi

Power of Music

Giovanni DeGrande
Luciana DeGrande
Cait Kazimir
James Rossman
Lauren Sewall

Rhythmic Illusions

Summer Smagacz

Teen Council

Taryn Leary
John Voorhees

Teen Small Animal

Clair McKittrick

Young Achievers

Jeanine Reeman

4-H
Public
Speaking





USDA AG YOUTH LOANS

FSA makes operating loans to individual rural youths to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

To qualify for a loan you must be between 10 and 20 years old; reside in a rural area, city, or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people; conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.

The maximum amount of FSA youth loans is \$5000. The money may be used to buy livestock, equipment, and supplies; buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and pay operating expenses for running the project. Only projects of modest size can be financed. A modest project is limited in physical size, capital requirements, and overall objectives.

Applicants must sign a promissory note and be responsible for repaying the loan. In some cases, a co-signer may be required. Loan collateral normally consists of crops produced for sale, livestock, equipment, and other items purchased with loan funds.

To apply or learn more about youth loans or other loan programs, please contact your local USDA Service Center.

[Http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=df1-yl](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=df1-yl)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP

The Middletown Senior Citizen Center is interested in having 4-H'ers visit the center with activities and demonstrations (e.g., animal science demos, performances, etc.). This is a valuable intergenerational opportunity. If available, contact Karen Reeman at (732)933-1882 or ckreeman@juno.com or Denise Knapp at (732)202-8351 or luckyline05@aol.com, 4-H outreach committee.

For National Nursing Home Week, May 12th, the Pine Brook Nursing Home in Englishtown is inviting 4-H'ers to offer presentations and activities for their residents. Older adults and youth benefit greatly from sharing insights and experiences together. For more information, contact ckreeman@juno.com or Denise Knapp at (732)202-8351 or luckyline05@aol.com, 4-H outreach committee. If not available the week of May 12th, but still interested, contact Denise or Karen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H PROGRAM PROMOTION

The Memorial Day Parade in Freehold on Memorial Day is a great opportunity to promote 4-H. Why not be a part of the Monmouth County 4-H paraders? Bring your pets, your projects and let our parade audience learn about the learning opportunities in 4-H. Livestock and horses need to be able to handle large crowds and noise. Line up time in downtown Freehold is 9:15 am. To register, contact Denise Knapp 4-H outreach committee and 4-H parade liaison, at (732)202-8351 or luckyline05@aol.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

4-H Food & Fitness Ambassadors

Are you in grades 8-13? Are you interested in an exciting new leadership opportunity? Do you like talking to people and sharing information? Are you interested in learning about eating healthy and being active? Then becoming a Food & Fitness Ambassador may be right for you. But exactly what is a Food & Fitness Ambassador? Read on for more details.

In 2005, New Jersey 4-H kicked off a new initiative called “Get Moving – Get Healthy with New Jersey 4-H.” The primary goal of the initiative is to get people (especially youth) to eat healthier and participate in more physical activities. At the fairs we had displays and activity stations.

We want to continue the fair activities and expand our efforts. This is where the Food & Fitness Ambassadors come in. We are looking for 2-3 teens from each county to serve as 4-H Food & Fitness Ambassador. As an Ambassador, your role will be to promote healthy eating and encourage people to engage in physical activities. The primary responsibilities of the Food & Fitness Ambassadors will be to:

- Attend a training/planning meeting on May 31.
- Coordinate a Get Moving – Get Healthy Family Fun Event in your county.
- Take responsibility for Food and Fitness display at your county fair. This includes set-up and take-down of the display, and staffing the display throughout the prime visitor hours during the fair.
- Recruit other 4-H members to help staff the display at your county fair.
- Attend a follow-up evaluation meeting in late August or early September.
- Help promote the Food and Fitness focus for the 2008-2009 4-H year including helping with volunteer trainings in the county and working with club(s).

If you are interested in becoming a Food & Fitness Ambassador, please contact your county 4-H office and ask for a complete position description, application, and details about the training session. Please plan to attend the training session on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Monmouth County RCE Office. Applications are due to your county 4-H office by **Monday, May 19**.

For more information about the Ambassador program, please go to <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/getmoving/>

38TH ANNUAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE PHOTO CONTEST

Call for entries. Submit your favorite nature images to the 2008 Photo Contest—the biggest photography competition in 38 years. Cash prizes totaling \$18,000 plus camera equipment and other gifts will be awarded to the winners in three separate divisions: professional, amateur and youth. The grand prize winner will receive \$5,000. There is a \$15 entry fee for which you will receive a one-year membership in the National Wildlife Federation, including a subscription to “National Wildlife”, and you can submit as many as 20 images in any combination of the following categories: Mammals: Portraits and Behavior; Birds: Portraits and Behavior; Other Wildlife: Portraits and Behavior (includes underwater life, reptiles, amphibians, insects and more); Backyard Habitats: Wild Creatures, Native Plants and Natural Settings in Your Yard; Connecting People and Nature: People Enjoying the Outdoors; Landscapes and Plant Life: Scenic Views and Native Plants in Wild Settings. The deadline for all submissions: July 1, 2008. For more details about the categories, how to submit your photos and other information, read the official rules at: www.nwf.org/photozone/enter_contest.cfm.

UPCOMING EVENTS



RELAY FOR LIFE

Come join us for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on June 21-22, at Freehold Racetrack. Any questions please call Denise Knapp (732)202-8351.

SAVE THE DATE!

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR 4-H KIDS for KIDS



This Monmouth County 4-H Club sponsors an Annual Spring Formal for 200 developmentally disabled citizens. Working with the ARC of Monmouth we provide an evening of fun, friendship and love!! This night includes dinner, dancing, corsages, favors and lots of entertainment!

Help us to make the 26th Spring Formal the BEST EVER!

Josh Zuckerman & Beth Anne Arentsen will be performing...

Saturday, September 6, 2008

Port Monmouth VFW Post, Highway 36, Port Monmouth NJ

Doors open at 3

Show starts at 4

More information to follow!





UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



FINAL FAIR MEETING JUNE 27, 2008

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

May 1	All (non-horse) animals registered
May 1	Member/Leader card requests due
June 2	Ambassador Contest Deadline
June 2	Pass Request due
June 2	Food Booth Position List Due
June 4	Mandatory Livestock Meeting 7:00pm (all livestock members)
June 6	Mandatory Horse Meeting 7:00pm (all horse project members)
June 24	Mandatory Small Animal Meeting 7:00pm (all small animal members)
June 27	All project entry forms due
June 27	All overnight permission forms due
June 27	Pet Photo Entries (Photo AND Fee Due)
June 27	Fun Day Entry Form AND Fee Due
June 27	Open Gymkhana pre-entry form and fee due
June 27	FINAL FAIR MEETING 7:00pm
July 14 & 15	Fair Projects Due to the office between 8:30am –7:30pm
July 14 & 15	Record Books Due with all fair entries between 8:30am-7:30pm
July 15	Bread, Food & Nutrition and Free for All Food Entries Due (please only bring these entries in on the 15th)
July 19	Removal of Items from the Barn
July 20	9:30am Set Up of All 4-H Displays
July 22	Club Booth Set Up starting at 5pm Ambassador Orientation 7:00pm Food Booth Orientation 7:00pm
July 23-27	FAIR WEEK

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE FINAL FAIR MEETING ON JUNE 27TH???

Fair Entry Forms are due! Last minute updates will be announced. The winners of the yearbook ad sales will be announced. The yearbooks will be available! Member/Leader cards will be available. Possibly the passes will be made available this evening too! **NEW THIS YEAR:** We will have exhibit tags available so you can fill them out **BEFORE** you drop the items off at the office!

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 COURT 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 (cont.)



SAVE THE DATE!

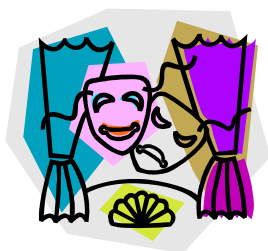
The Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire from October 23-26, 2008.

For more details, a promotional flyer is available on the website at:
[Http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08NEVF.htm](http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08NEVF.htm)
 The full registration brochure will be available in May.

4-H ARTS CAMP August 22-24, 2008

Grades K-12

Camp Nomoco—Freehold Township
 Come explore 4-H fun with creative arts!
 Drama, Puppetry, Music, Dance
 Gymnastics, Visual Arts, Set Design
 and Writing



Share your talents! Learn new skills!

Watch for more information to come.
 Save the date on your calendar!!

MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

“4-H ONE WORLD,
OUR DREAM”

Fair Hours:

July 23-25	5pm-11pm
July 26	11 am-11pm
July 27	11 am-6pm





UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



2008 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Camp June 27th -29th Survivor Nomoco

- Who:** 4-H youth in grades 1 -12
- What:** Camping weekend with fellow 4-Her's, experience some great outdoor activities such as: canoing, hiking, swimming, camp fires, archery, man hunt, outdoor cooking, nature crafts, around the lake relay and more.
- When:** Friday June 27th noon until Sunday June 29th at noon.
- Where:** Turkey Swamp Park's Nomoco Activity Center, Freehold Township, N.J.
- Why:** To have fun while learning more about the outdoor world around us.
- Transportation:** Parents are responsible for transportation to and from camp. You will receive a map and information upon registration.
- Fee:** The fee is \$25.00 per camper and adult chaperons are free. The fee covers food, platform tent, campsite, craft and recreational materials.

Please plan to join us for our great camping weekend right here in Monmouth County. If you camp a lot or have never camped before this is an opportunity to get away from it all but be close by. If you want to try the camp experience but are not fond of sleeping in tents you can join us for the day programs. All first time campers and those in the 1st -3rd grade should have an adult chaperon accompany them. For more information please contact Lorraine Yoncak at 732-462-9703.

-----Detach here and return to the Lorraine Yoncak-----

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____ Grade _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone#'s home _____ cell _____

4-H Club _____ Chaperon _____

Camping over: Fri. & Sat. _____ Fri. only _____ Sat. only _____ Day program only _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

Make Check payable to "Nature's Navigators 4-H Club"

Return registration and payment to Lorraine Yoncak 193 Ely Harmony Rd Freehold, N.J. 07728

REGISTRATION DEADLINE June 15, 2008. Come have fun with us!



ALUMNI NEWS

4-H ALUMNI NEWS



Each year we purchase a quilt in Lancaster County and then raffle it off at the Monmouth County Fair. This year's quilt, picked out by Cathy Rupner and Helen Dillon, is striking. It has a star as the main design in browns, gold, tan and black. The tan areas show off the beautiful quilting. Plan to stop by and purchase raffle tickets for it at the fair. The second place prize is a Great Adventure ticket packet and the third place is a Spa Basket provided by Amy Barker and Robin Joline. The money we raise allows us to offer scholarships to 4-H Alumni for continuing education as well as provide the Monmouth County 4-H program support throughout the year.



If you are a 4-H Alumni with at least 3 years in the 4-H program, you can apply for the Alumni scholarship. You must be 20 years of age by October 15th when the application is due in at the 4-H office. The scholarship can be used for continuing education in an accredited institution. The application can be gotten from our county 4-H office.

4-H CAMP NEWS

LINDLEY G. COOK 4-H CAMP

By: **Brian J. Dougan, Program Director**

Camp has a new home ... on the web that is. Besides all the great information located on our website (www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu), camp has an additional online home, one that provides the most up to date information on programming and other happenings at camp. That new home is the official blog for camp and it can be found at <http://nj4hcamp.blogspot.com>.

The camp blog will be replacing Chronicles, the quarterly newsletter that was housed on the website, and will enable camp to provide frequent updates as well as weekly recaps of the summer program (and you can even "subscribe" and be notified when new blogs have been posted). The new blog will also give us a spot to talk about upcoming events (essentially expanding on the monthly e-mail I send) and so much more. So don't delay, check it out now! ...and tell a couple of friends about it.

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.

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Livestock Reg. Due/State Public Presentation Forms/State Equine Presentation Deadline	2	3
4	5	6 YHC 6:30 pm Horse Leader Mtg 7:30pm	7	8	9	10 Western Qualifying Show East Freehold Park
11	12	13 Small Animal Advisory Mtg 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 Food & Fitness Ambassador Applications Due	20	21 Teen Council Mtg 7:30 pm	22 4-H Association Meeting 7:00pm	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pass Distribution Form Due-Member/Leader Card Request Due-State EYO Applications Due	3 YHC 6:30 pm/ Horse Leaders Meeting 7:30pm	4 Mandatory Livestock Fair Mtg. 7:00pm	5 State Association Mtg 6:00-8:00 pm	6 Mandatory Horse Project Fair Mtg/ Record Books checked 7:00pm	7 State 4-H Presentations
8	9	10 Small Animal Mtg 7:00pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Teen Council 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Mandatory Small Animal Fair Mtg	26	27 Fair Entry Forms Due/Final Fair Mtg 7:00pm/ Show Tent Entry Forms Due/Pre Entry Open Gymkhana & Fun Day Due 4-H Office	28
					June 27-29 Survivor Nomoco	
29	30					



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