

## THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE



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### 4-H Gives Much Thanks to Our 4-H Volunteers In Celebration of April—Volunteer Recognition Month

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The 4-H Youth Development Program extends its influence through the skills and commitment of 4-H volunteers. The mission of 4-H, as outlined in a Rutgers Cooperative Extension fact sheet is 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.”

As we approach April, Volunteer Recognition Month, I would ask how you might recognize those many caring adults who have impacted our 4-H'ers so significantly. Perhaps a verbal expression of thanks. Perhaps an offer to assist in some 4-H activity. Or you might make an effort to recruit new volunteers to the 4-H program. 4-H volunteers can assist through direct service to youth or in general program support. The positive influence of Monmouth County 4-H volunteers on the lives of youth is extensive and is a lifetime gift. Our thanks should be extended to them on a regular basis. But to assure that we do not take them for granted, our calendar reminds us in April to recognize our 4-H volunteers' outstanding service. Thank you so much, 4-H volunteers, for all you do in support of our youth, expanding their learning opportunities and building their life skills. 4-H'ers' lives have been enriched by your generous spirits; you truly are an exceptional group of people.

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**NEW CLUBS:**

**Digital Kids**—The club meets the first Friday of every month from 5:00pm-7:00pm in Howell. The Digital Kids prep club uses digital technology (computers, video, photo, and music) to help make a difference in our world. This year is focused on the rainforest!

**High Tech Multicultural Club**—This club meets as a school club at the High Technology School. Focus of the club is on fostering understanding of cultures and appreciation of diversity.

**NEW LEADERS:**

**Esther Murphy** - Co-leader for Paws for A Cause

**Skye Donzelli** - Leader Digital Kids

**14 CARROT RABBIT**

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Amy K. Dahl

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Lauren E. Dynarski

Julianne M. Jaeger

Julia M. Karg

Allison N. Karr

**CURRY COMBS**

Danielle M. Cullen

**KIDS CAN COOK**

Erica L. Todd

Joshua I. Todd

**DIGITAL KIDS**

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Brooke Donzelli

Jordan Donzelli

*Ellen Williams*

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4-H Secretaries

**4-H Mission Statement**

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**KIDS FOR KIDS**

Donlon L. Kelsey

**LIVE 'N LEARN**

Allison G. Bartley  
Emily J. Bartley  
Laura F. Bartley

**MONMOUTH CLOGGING EXPRESS**

Susie Ferrier

**MULTI-CULTURAL HIGH TECH**

Avantha N. Arachchi  
Maxwell Blodgett  
Eric H. Chao  
Jennifer A. Corcoran  
Gianna B. Darbin  
Kaylyn DeSomma  
Katherine A. Dynarski

Zoe A. Elliott  
Melissa C. Felizardo  
Ashton A. Gooding  
Arhan Jain  
Theresa H. Lye  
Rachel C. Mann  
Laura E. McLoughlin  
Ayana P. Meachaur  
Stephen Meisenhelter  
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Amanda Y. Ng  
Kelsey E. Noll  
Kelly C. Roache  
Daniel Sherwood  
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Jason B. Zukus

**SCI-BORGS**

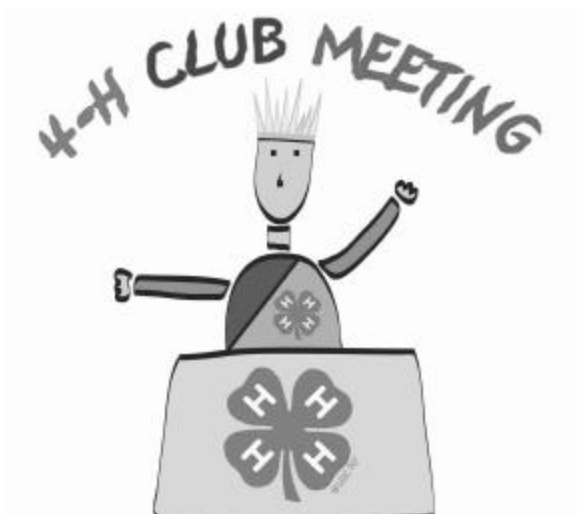
Karl J. DeVoe

**TEEN SMALL ANIMAL**

Lisa N. Jablin  
Audrey S. Migdalski



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## Heard Around The 4-H Clover

### MONMOUTH CLOGGING EXPRESS

What have we been up to so far at Clogging? Well, first of all we have been dancing a lot. We have had a few parties and our club visited a nursing home right before the holidays. We went out that night, too. Now we are getting ready for Burlington: new music, new costumes, and a new dance. We are also starting to work on our presentations. It is all very exciting.

In October we had a great Halloween Party that started with scrapbooking our record books and finished up with an apple passing game that made everyone giggle. In November we collected food for the Food Bank. December came around pretty quick. We danced at Jersey Shore Center in Eatontown on December 19th and then went out for pizza with our entire club. It was really a great time. Once we got back together in January we realized that we have lots of work to do to get ready for Burlington at the end of April. We are now meeting every week.

Our president Christy started off February with her presentation. It was helpful for the new members to understand what to do when they present. We are scheduling our Club Presentations throughout the next two months so that we are ready for County at the end of March. All this while we are doing a fundraiser to raise money for our costumes and other stuff the club needs.

We have an Open House coming up soon too. Come on out and check out our club. It gets you moving and we have a really great time.

### S.W.A.P.

**By: Sue McLoughlin, Leader**

S.W.A.P. met on January 30th. We enjoyed creating wooden masks and painting them. We began planning our club presentations and thinking about the Fair this summer. We also talked about 4-H camp this summer. We discussed entering the Middletown Youth Art Show this March, since most of our members live in Middletown.

We are starting to plan our spring calendar. Due to scheduling conflicts, we have moved our meeting days. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for the remainder of the year. At our next meeting, on February 27th, we will be working on a still life art project.



Monica, Ashley, and Patricia working on their masks.



Monica, Heathergrace (future 4-H'er), and Ashley putting the finishing touches on their masks.

## Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

### Horsin' Around 4-H Horse Club

**Rosanne Vaccaro, Club Leader**

After a three year break, Horsin' Around is back in action with hands-on learning "All About Horses." Club meetings are held at Free Spirit Farm, located in Freehold, N.J. on the second Saturday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Membership is open to youth from grades 4 – 13. The club is accepting up to 18 members.

I would like to welcome Lisa Vaccaro to my team of leaders. As many of you already know, Lisa is an alumnus of the 4-H program and her skills and knowledge will certainly add greatly to our horse program. She brings an element of fun while learning and possesses exceptional knowledge of both the world of horses and the 4-H program.

At the request of Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent from Monmouth County, on January 27, 2008 a special hands-on horse program was done for the girls of Collier Group Home from Red Bank, N.J. Five girls came to the farm with Ellen. In spite of cold weather the program was a huge success. The girls learned all about the nature of horses, how to tie a quick release knot, how to groom, plus saddle and bridle a horse. Each girl then received a ½ hour riding lesson. Ellen too had the opportunity to ride one of the farm lesson horses – she is now ready for the "Equestrian of the Year Award!" Go Ellen!



Free Spirit Farm boasts a large covered riding arena for year round riding. Clinics will be offered to all members of a 4-H horse club throughout the year on various topics. Currently scheduled is a Mounted Drill Team Clinic on April 6, 2008 open to any drill team rider in N.J. Participation requires advance registration. If you would like a particular type of clinic offered, please feel free to call with suggestions.

If any of the Monmouth County Horse Leaders want to start a Mounted Drill Team for Monmouth County, feel free to contact me. I have 7 years experience working with Drill Teams and I am available to help you with your team. I, myself, am not available to run a team again for the county as I am presently working with my own youth/adult team outside of the 4-H program. I can be reached at 732 995-6552 anytime.

Ken, I and Lisa and glad to be back working with the 4-H program of Monmouth County and we are looking forward to working with the youth of today to make a better tomorrow!

## 14 Carrot Rabbit Club

**By: Katherine Sotovelez**

Hey everyone, we're back again! Alright, so these next few months, along with the past few, are and have been, quite busy. Not too long ago we all had our public presentations. It actually went pretty well and all of the presentations were absolutely amazing even though the projector was being somewhat difficult. We saw so many different topics that night, some were on horses and riding, others were based on cooking, and some were all about our 4-H program in general. Regardless, preps and any other members who had showed up did their best that night. We also can't forget that county level presentations will be coming up soon!

On February 24th our club members will be paying a visit to Popcorn Park Zoo. This is something that we all look forward to since it gives us all the chance to help out some of our furry or feathered, or maybe even scaly friends. We'll bring donations in, like blankets or towels, dog food or cleaning supplies, and in return we get to go through the place and see all of the animals. There are dogs, monkeys, birds, lions, tigers, and even bears. It's the most amazing thing.

Some other events coming up are also the Somerset show, Monmouth Crossing, the Middlesex show, and also Molzons nursery. As you can see, there are plenty of things to prepare for and look forward to, and we can't wait! We're almost always doing something or some kind of activity, but that's what keeps everything fun!

### Kids Can Cook

**By: Katherine Sotovelez**

Kids Can Cook is a small club just beginning to flourish, but it's an immense amount of fun, nonetheless. At the last meeting, we made an amazing citrus chicken from scratch! It was hard to believe that we made it from scratch right then and there, despite some troubles with the oven. It's great to know that something so great is simple and quick.

The next meeting is going to be fun and completely festive. We're all going to be decorating cupcakes and going crazy with what we like, and also we'll make our own little mini personal pizzas with the toppings of choice for each member. Then, to top everything off, ice cream sundaes! Honestly, who doesn't love ice cream?

As a celebration of the nice weather showing up, hopefully at least, with April and Spring, we're focusing on more festivities. We'll be taking Easter eggs and dyeing them and decorating, along with a few other color based activities!

Thanks for reading, and remember, Kids really CAN COOK!

### RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

**By: Lauren Coleman**

Rhythmic Illusions has grown in size quite a bit since last year. On an average night, we have between sixteen to twenty-five members...and when everyone is present, there are about thirty-two! That's quite an enthusiastic crowd, isn't it? Our club is thriving and looking forward to a series of shows and competitions that are coming up. We will be performing at the New Monmouth Baptist Church gymnasium in March, April, and June. Our club will be hosting a state competition on May 3, at Monmouth Gymnastics Academy in Morganville, NJ.

Right now, our members are either learning (or perfecting) routines with the hoop, ball, ribbon, rope, and floor exercise. We are also spreading the word about healthy eating habits and the importance of exercise, which is what our club is all about.

We would also like to welcome Sara, Lina, and Sarah to our competition group for 2008.

## MY DAY AT SCI-BORGS

**By: Noah Resnick, Club Reporter**

It was a normal day at the Builder's Club. I showed the club the LEGO scale that I made. (In the car on the way to a Chinese restaurant, it almost broke!) I showed the scale to the members and weighed the objects that the club members handed to me.

I also made a flying car out of the Erector set I brought. This was a tribute to Big Bugaboom (a boss in Super Mario Galaxy). Once I finished the car-part of the flying car, I made a wall out of LEGO bricks and knocked it down with the car! However, after the meeting, the car started falling apart!

Also, Jonah got a rare Bionicle toy and is very excited about it. Jonah also showed his magnet-metal toys. This is pretty cool, if you realize that he made them himself out of unstable materials (magnets are known to be very unstable, they never stick the way you want!).

Ian was having a great time digging to the bottom of the giant box of parts that Louie brought to the meeting and Carla had fun drawing her future creations.

Jayden brought in a Star Wars LEGO model and enjoyed weighing his and other contraptions with Louie on the LEGO scale.

Joshua and his sister had fun with their LEGO and KNEX sets and did a great job building extra cool creations.

Karl brought in a giant two-way Ferris wheel! Both wheels could rotate clockwise together, counter-clockwise together, or one clockwise and the other counter-clockwise, and one counter-clockwise and the other clockwise! Wow!!!

The moral of this story is: No day at the Builder's Club is ordinary.





## PAWS 4 A CAUSE

By: Lee Ann Tursi, Leader

We elected officers for the 2nd time in our short history, at our business meeting in January. Our new officers are as follows: Monica Murphy-President, Megan Tursi-Vice President, Daniella Daly-Secretary, Amanda Tursi-Treasurer, Christine Daly-Reporter, and Jessyca Risa & Katie Rose Nunziato-job sharing as Event Coordinator. After the meeting the Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H club, Wagging Wonders came for a visit, to tell us about their club and to let us meet some of the puppies they are currently raising.

In February some of the members and the leaders went and walked around the Super Pet Expo in Edison. We had fun watching the dogs competing at jumping into the water and trying to catch a ball. They were judged on how far they could jump if they caught the ball. The highlight of the day was meeting Elwood, the 2007 winner of the "World's Ugliest Dog" contest. We even bought the children's book about him written by his owner, Karen Quigley, to share with our club and other children. Elwood lives in New Jersey just like we do; you can see his picture below.

We have a few members planning on trying a 4-H dog show in Somerset County on March 15th for the very first time, so they are working hard learning and practicing with their dogs. They are hoping to also try out the State Dog Show in April with their dogs.

Our next business meeting is on February 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm 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](mailto:leeanntursi@verizon.net).



Pictured to the left are Monica, Mary and Amanda with Elwood Winner of the 2007 "Ugliest Dog Award" and Karen Quigley owner and author of a children's book.



# Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

## LIVE AND LEARN CLUB

By: Mary Bane, Leader

The Live and Learn Club is working on an online art gallery project to showcase their creations. Our creative writing has grown and the club members have written beautiful poetry and interesting riddles and stories. The link to our “gallery” and to our two page “poetry corner” can be found at our website:

<http://groups.msn.com.iveandlearn4hclub>

Self portraits were drawn at the February meeting and it was fun for everyone to see that a great work of art does not need to look exactly like the object they are drawing from. Some self portraits were done in pencil to be as close to likeness to the artist as possible. Some were drawn as full figures in a setting that is unique to them: the beach, dance class, the library, their home, etc. Some self portraits were done as a collage of things that were important to the artist; images and shapes come together to give a “picture” of the artist.

We are getting ready for science fair in March and looking forward to seeing everyone’s projects and experiments.



## HEARD AROUND THE CLOVER (cont.)

### FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

By: Kelly Shoemaker, President



Our club has been very busy over the last few months.

During the month of October and November we had fundraisers for pet care items. We made up flyers and solicited donations of pet care items from our friends and neighbors. On November 4, 2007 we brought all of the donations to Popcorn Park Zoo. Since some of our members sponsor dogs at Popcorn Park Zoo through the Share-A-Pet program, we were able to take some dogs out for a walk after we finished unloading all of the donations. We also went into the zoo and got to see all the animals and were surprised how many goats they have there. This year we collected over 20 bags of donations. Next year our goal is to double the amount of donations and collect over 40 bags.

On January 5, 2008 we attended the 2008 New Jersey 4-H Goat Extravaganza hosted by RCE of Hunterdon County. Over sixty members from nine clubs throughout six counties attended. The members of our club participated in a 2-D and 3-D Art Contest, Photography Contest, a Poster Presentation and a Skill-a-thon. Many members of our club won awards. (See the congratulations section) This was a really fun event and we learned a lot about goats. We plan to attend next year.

All of our members are working hard on their club presentations and many hope to do a County Presentation.

### NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

By: Lorraine Yoncak, Leader

The club is looking forward to spring with all the outside activities that we hope to enjoy, not that we have been kept inside with the mild winter. Two of our members, Tom and Paul, went to 4-H Winter Camp for the first time and loved it. They recommend that you try it next year; they even had snow to sled on while we here in Monmouth County got rain.



Our club has received our Basil seeds that were flown in space last summer. Our task is now to build a growth chamber for them, one that would allow astronauts to grow things in space. We also have seeds that were not flown in space, so we get to grow them both and see if the flight had any impact on the seeds.

April is the month for Earth Day celebrations; we encourage all 4-H clubs to do something for Monmouth County open spaces and parks to help them be nicer places for us all to visit. The Monmouth County Park System has their Earth Day Open House at Manasquan Reservoir on April 19th and their Outdoor Adventure Expo at Turkey Swamp Park on May 18th. These are great times to visit the parks as clubs or with family and learn more about nature.



June 27th—29th we will be camping at Camp Nomoco, part of Turkey Swamp Park. All Monmouth County 4-H'ers are invited to join in one a great fun weekend of outdoor recreation and nature education. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more information about this fun camping Monmouth County tradition.



# HEARD AROUND THE CLOVER (cont.)

## THUNDERHOOFS

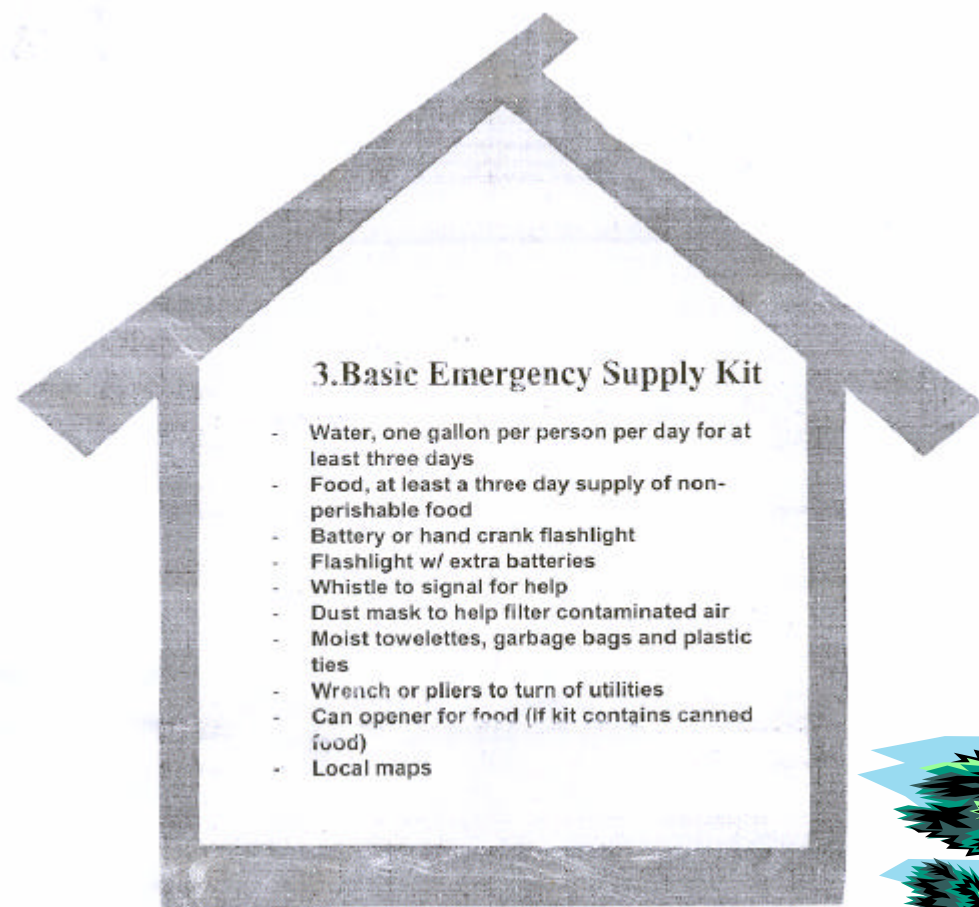
By: Nyna McKittrick, Leader

Our first meeting of the new year brought our first presentation. The health risks of smoking and of secondhand smoke explained why smoking is so bad for the smoker and those people around them. We learned some methods to stop smoking and who to contact for help. Did you know that cigarette smoke has acetone (fingernail polish remover), carbon monoxide (car exhaust) and tar (roads we drive on) in it? Yuck! We will be finishing the club presentations in February. The club made valentines for the nursing home in Freehold again; this is our fifth year. The clients always appreciate being remembered by the club members.



Above: Clair McKittrick gives her club presentation on the health risks of smoking and secondhand smoke.

Our club is starting a three part series on emergency preparedness. We have been learning about people with special needs and how to offer assistance to them. Some things are easy, like opening a door for someone in a wheelchair or donating unwanted items to a non-profit thrift shop.



Other times will take a little more thought. What would happen if the electricity went off in your neighborhood and there was a person who had to have his or her medicine refrigerated? What would happen to someone who does not drive and has no one to check up on him or her? If we are ready and have practiced what we would do, we can offer assistance to others.

In emergencies, we can help other people who can't help themselves.

Left: Here are a few things that you can do to get ready if a winter storm or a hurricane is coming:



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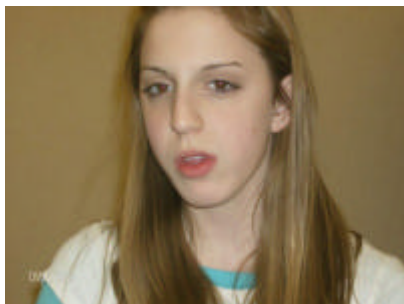
# Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)



## THUNDERHOOFS (cont.)

By: Clair McKittrick

Hi everybody! We had some club presentations at our February meeting. Bethany talked about what makes a perfect mall for her presentation. Ashley showed us how to make balloon animals, and Melissa gave a demonstration speech on how to make fresh flower floral centerpieces.



Bethany King doing her presentation.



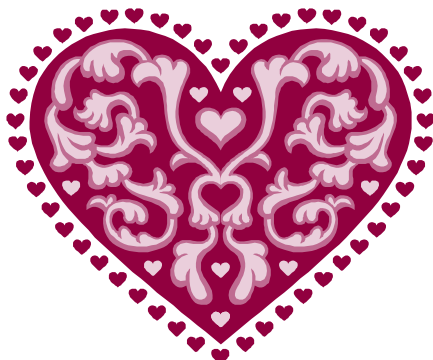
Melissa Whoeler with her demonstration speech making floral centerpieces.



Ashley Reha making balloon animals for everyone and a hat for herself.

We then filled out our club page for the yearbook and talked about selling ads for the yearbook. We will be thinking about ideas for our fair booth this year with the theme, "4-H One World, Our Dream."

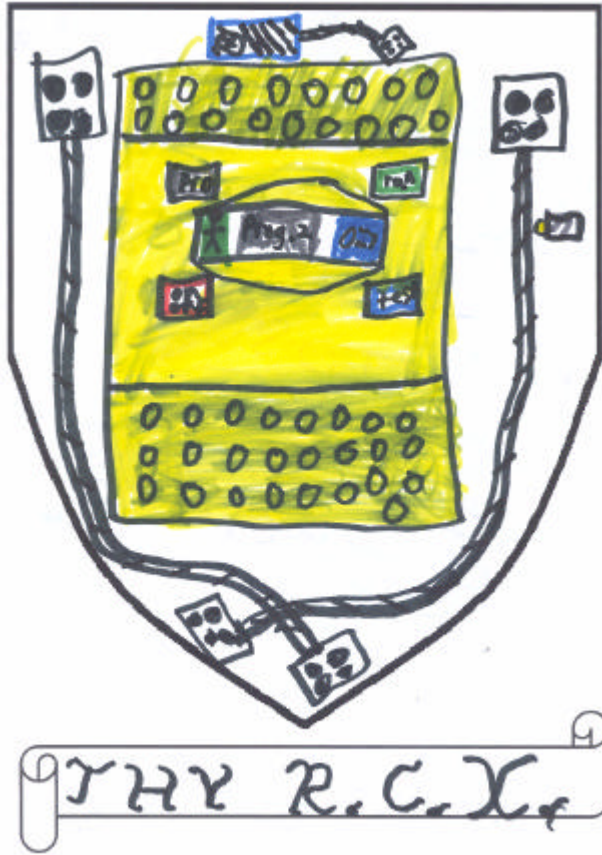
Thank you to everyone who has donated toys to the clubs' Centra State Pediatrics Treasure Chest. When a child gets to pick something from the box his or her time at the hospital is not so scary. Melissa W. has been taking the toys to the hospital each month. Thanks Melissa!



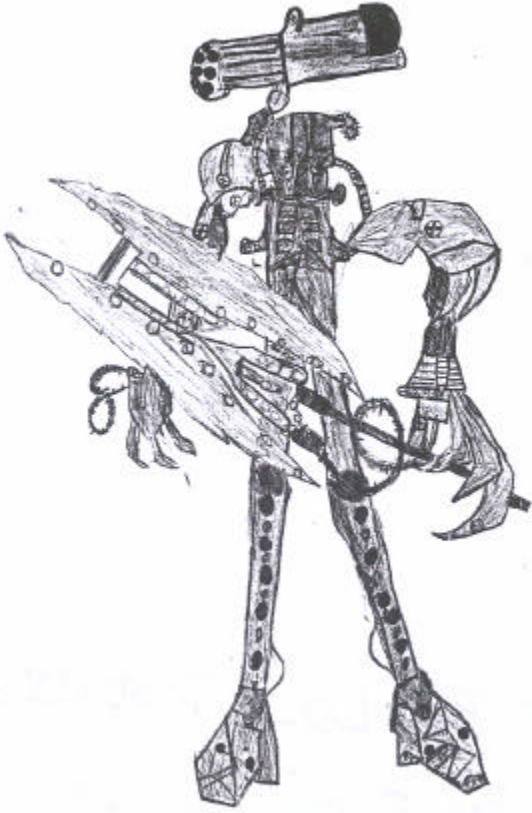
We delivered 65 valentines and three kinds of candy to the John L. Montgomery nursing home. The residents had a party from 2:00-4:00pm for Valentines Day.

See you at County presentations next month.

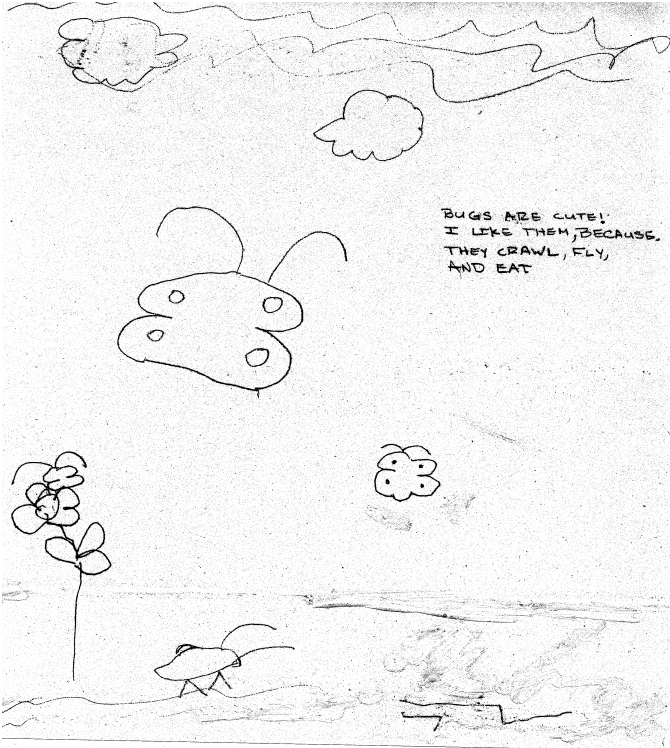
# YOUTH CORNER



Above Art By: Ian Rios; 4-H Sci-Borgs



Above Art By: Louis Rodriguez; 4-H Sci-Borgs



Art Work to the Left by: Carla Rios; Sci-Borgs

## YOUTH CORNER (cont.)



### THE REALMS

By: Patricia McLoughlin

The garden is a beautiful place where lilies bloom  
A magical land where spring is great  
And all the days where you can place  
Flowers turn into butterflies.

A day that you will wish it never ends.  
This place is a place where you feel happy all the  
time

And magic is the only thing you want.  
Eat of the berries, you will die.  
But love is ever raining forever.  
But there are some forbidden; I will not tell.  
This magical is the realms.  
Be careful—magic a great desire there.

### MY CRAZY DOG

By: Kylie Newton

My crazy dog Brittany is thirteen years old.  
We have no idea even to now, why she hasn't been  
sold.

I guess we love her because she is fun.  
She spends all day laying in the sun,  
Now that I think, she is no fun at all.  
She doesn't run, dig, or catch a ball.  
There is one think this dog will do, you see.  
My crazy dog Brittany absolutely loves me.

### HAIKU POEM

By: Kyle Newton

Gently snow falls down  
The rain pit pats on the ground.  
Winter makes no sound.

### RIDDLE

By: Jonah Resnick

What did the scientist cow say when the calf helped  
him with his experiment?

I *udder*-estimated you.

### PHILOSOPHIES

By: Noah Resnick

There are five personality types.  
One chooses one solution to a problem.  
The second chooses a different solution to a  
problem.  
The third can't decide which solution is best.  
The fourth focuses on another problem entirely.  
The fifth ignores all of the problems.

Paradox: If you can not read this, go get someone to  
read it for you...

If actions speak louder than words, why is it so difficult  
to play charades?

### PINK

By: Jocelyn Mandeville

Think Think  
I like pink  
It's the color of my wall  
and my pretty round ball  
It's the color of my sheets  
and the slippers on my feet  
Pink Pink  
Is all I think

### ORANGE

By: Wesley Bane

Orange soda,  
Sip it through a straw.  
Squeeze a juicy fruit  
Drink it all up too!

### BLUE

By: Cooper Bane

The color of the sky.  
Birds go flying by.  
The color of the ocean,  
Makes a wild motion.  
The wind blew, blue  
And a sad blue too.  
I like blue,  
How about you?



## THANK YOU

### TEEN COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

By: **Sandy Smith, President**

Thank you to all the 4-H clubs that made our food drive a huge success. We delivered the food to Open Door Food Pantry in Freehold during Christmas week. Our generosity is greatly appreciated. The Teen Council would like to extend this project throughout the year. If everyone can just remember to add one food item to our bins each month, we can help our community with feeding the less fortunate. The bins to place the food in are located in the hallway of the 4-H office. Again, thank you so much!

### SCI-BORGS

By: **Louie Adam**

Thanks so very much to so many generous people for donating all those wonderful building materials to our Sci-Borgs Club.

We will all have a really great time with the many different Legos, K'nex and blocks.

### 14 Carrot Rabbit

The 4-H Office wants to thank the 14 Carrot Rabbit Club for the beautiful and thoughtful Valentines Day Card. Thank You!

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 2008 New Jersey 4-H Goat Extravaganza Saturday—January 5, 2008 RCE of Hunterdon County, Flemington

Sixty 4-H members representing nine clubs from six counties participated. Congratulations to the members of Monmouth County:

#### Goat Themed Art Show 3-D Art (sculptures, carvings, etc.) Senior

1st Kelly Shoemaker  
1st Brittany Rappelyea  
2nd Chelsea Cook

#### Photography:

##### Junior

2nd Carly Eidman

##### Senior

1st Kelly Shoemaker  
2nd Chelsea Cook  
3rd Brittany Rappelyea

#### Poster Presentation Contest

##### Topic—What to Look for When Buying a Goat

1st Team# 7 Patrick Weber  
3rd Team# 9 Chelsea Cook

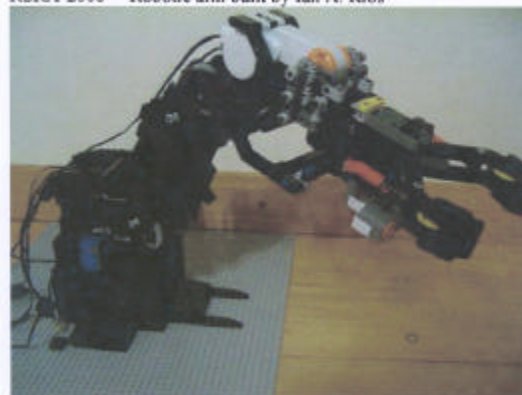
### THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER! Congratulations to Ian Rios!

In honor of National Engineers week, during February 17-23, 2008, the First Lego League New Jersey State Champion Team: Landroids', has invited Ian Rios and "Lego Master" Eric Sophie to have a Technic-Robotics demonstration at the Liberty Science Center.

Ian Rios, under the instruction of Eric Sophie, has created a Robotic arm. The set of arms, one built by Eric Sophie and one built by Ian Rios, are called the RSRA-2008.

The robotic arm consists of Technic and Lego parts. Incorporated into the arm are many components including motors, and sensors.

RSRA-2008 Robotic arm built by Ian A. Rios



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## MONMOUTH 4-H CARES

**By: Mariela Osorio, Monmouth 4-H Cares Program Liaison**

Spring is in the air and our Monmouth 4-H Cares program is in full swing! It's amazing how people from all walks of life are stepping up to serve as a catalyst for positive change in a child's life. In my efforts to promote the program, I've met, among others, a World War II veteran, a dedicated 8th grade teacher, a retired university professor and a dance instructor dedicated to the idea that community services makes the planet a better place. Each of these individuals has embarked on a wonderful journey with a child through shared special interests. Clearly, good-hearted people have the power to change the world.. And that is why I am reaching out to you—yes, you—can make a difference in a child's life. Whether you're a mom, a big brother or big sister or a neighbor, as a caring individual you have the power to help our next generation.

Edwin Ocampo is one such person. Not only was he content with starting a new 4-H club, but he went the extra mile by becoming a mentor to a 12 year old boy. As Edwin states, "Everyone needs someone to talk to." You can be that someone. It's the perfect volunteer opportunity.

And speaking of Edwin's new 4-H club, we are happy to announce that the Latin Dance Club is now up and running! The club meets from 6:00—7:30 pm every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Evergreen Terrace Apartments Community Center in Red Bank. This new club brings a unique opportunity to experience the Hispanic culture through dancing, friends and events. The club promotes the beauty and excitement of salsa dancing. We will organize trips to local dance competitions, and sponsor those more ambitious members for choreographies and performances. We encourage all to have fun and make friends. Before you know you'll be dancing like they do in the movies!

For more information on how you can help mentor a child or if you are interested in joining the Latin Dance club, please call Mariela Osorio at 732-222-8008 ext. 132 or e-mail at [mosorio@monmouthcmo.org](mailto:mosorio@monmouthcmo.org).





## MONMOUTH 4-H CARES

¡La primavera nos rodea y nuestro programa de Monmouth 4-H Cares esta en plena marcha! Es asombroso como todo tipo de condición social se presta para hacer un cambio positivo en la vida de un niño. Durante mi esfuerzo para promover el programa, he tenido el placer de conocer a los siguientes: un veterano de la segunda guerra mundial, una maestra del 8° grado, un profesor universitario ya retirado, y un instructor de baile, todos con la idea que el civismo puede mejorar la planeta. Cada de estos individuos han embarcado en un viaje maravilloso con niños, dispuestos a guiarlos por medio de actividades recreacionales en las que comparten los mismos intereses. Obviamente, gente cariñosa tiene el poder de afectar al mundo. Por esa razón, le súplico, que Ud. tiene una oportunidad única de compartir su habilidad con otros. Sea Ud. madre, hermano, hermana o vecino, como un individuo bondadoso, Ud. tiene el poder de apoyar a la próxima generación.

Edwin Ocampo es una de esas personas, que aún haber ensallado su nuevo club de 4-H, se ha dedicado a un niño de doce años. El nos explica “Todos necesitamos con quien platicar.” Ud. puede ser esa persona. Es la perfecta oportunidad para ayudar como voluntario.



Y hablando del club nuevo de Edwin, me alegra contarles que el Latin Dance Club ya se lanzo. El club se reúne cada segundo y cuarto lunes del mes de 6:00 – 7:30 de la tarde en el Evergreen Terrace Apartments Community Center ubicada en Leighton Ave. en Red Bank. En el espíritu de la cultura latinoamericana, el club promueve la belleza que es la salsa. Organizaremos visitas a las competencias de baile y patrocinamos a los miembros más ambiciosos para coreografías y actuaciones. Entusiasmos a todos los niños a divertirse y hacerse amigos. ¡Estarás bailando como lo hacen en el cine!

Para más información comuníquese con Mariela Osorio al 732-222-8008 ext. 132 o por correo electrónico a [mosorio@monmouthcmo.org](mailto:mosorio@monmouthcmo.org)



# IN THE NEWS

## 2008 NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION

By: Amelia Valente

Hello to all 4-H'ers!

Hi, I am one of the 2007-08 4-H Ambassadors and I'm just writing to you today to talk about an event the other Ambassador, Taryn, and I attended. It was the annual Agricultural Farmers Convention held on February 4th through the 6th, however, we only had to attend one day, Tuesday.

This convention was held for all the farmers of New Jersey to recognize those who did outstanding work within the past year. All ambassadors throughout the state attended. Other teenagers who were there, were the Peach Queen, the Dairy Princess, the Equestrian of the Year, and many others.

The convention was held at the beautiful Crown Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill from 4:00-10:00pm. The first thing Mrs. Krzyzanowski, Taryn, and I did once we arrived, was set up our display. Each county was responsible for setting up their own table display that dealt with a certain theme. Our theme this year was "Monmouth County Growing Happy and Healthy 4-H'ers."



Pictured above, left to right: Taryn Leary and Amelia Valente man their display entitled, "Monmouth County Growing Happy and Healthy 4-H'ers".

Pictured below, left to right: Monmouth County Ambassadors pose with the State Board of Agriculture President William Griffin, and the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kupernus.



# IN THE NEWS (cont.)

## THE SECOND ANNUAL PREP RALLY PROGRAM

By: Kelly Valenti, 4-H Program Assistant

The second annual Prep Rally Program was held on January 19, 2008. There were 15 youth in attendance from 5 different clubs and 3 youth from the public creating a total of 18 youth who participated in the program.

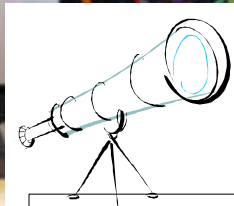
The youth had the opportunity to “visit” three different space destinations where presenters provided hands on demonstrations, exposed them to different parts of space and our solar system. Prior to blasting off, the youth had some time to learn about what it takes to be an astronaut and about the importance of good health. The youth participated in exercises that mimicked exercises that the astronauts would be engaged in before going into space. For the lunch break, the youth shared what they learned about space food from the video they previewed during registration and learned about portion control.

A special thanks goes to our prep coordinator Diane Gregorio who, with her assistant Tyler Bane made our lunch extra special, even serving milkyway milkshakes! All of our presenters were phenomenal thank you; Lorraine Yoncak, Mary Bane and Jessica and Christin Sagui. Also thank you to Amelia Valente for her assistance, too.

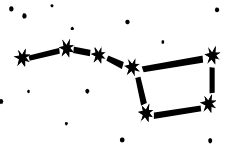
If you are interested in planning next year’s prep program or working on the prep committee please contact Kelly Valenti at (732)432-7265 or e-mail [dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu).



In the picture above and to the right: The Night Sky Adventure allowed our participants to learn about their favorite constellations.



Above two pictures: Moon, Mars and Beyond gave our astronauts in training an opportunity to compare the sizes of the planets and learn about how craters are formed.



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Pictures continue from Prep Rally!

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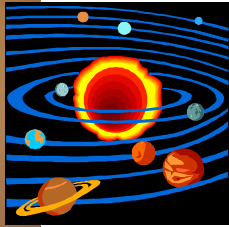
Pictured Above: Great games, awesome volunteers, fantastic food and friends made for an out of this world kind of day.

Pictured right and below: In Race to the Planets mission, the members created a flag for their planet, learned about the distance of the planets and their gravitational pull.



## RCRE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO KEANSBURG SCHOOL

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County received a \$2500 Children, Youth and Families At Risk grant to support programming at the ***Bolger School, Keansburg*** after school program conducted by Easter Seals through the 21st Century Community Learning grant. Our activities involve horticulture, arts, nutrition and fitness. As a part of the grant, RCRE of Monmouth County participated in the January 9th statewide after school initiative, providing activities related to Junior Master Gardening, bird and butterfly gardening, rain garden, puppetry, nutrition and fitness. RCE department representatives included: Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent; Virginia Krzyzanowski, 4-H Program Associate; Vivian Quinn and Brian Hulme, Agriculture Assistants, under the direction of Bill Sciarappa, Agriculture Agent; Agriculture Department Master Gardeners under the direction of Diane Zahorsky, County Horticulturalist; Rachel Tansey, FCHS Program Associate; and Sharese Porter, FCHS Senior Program Coordinator. Representatives from the State Department of Education and the Asbury Park Press were in attendance. Over 50 youth participated, with over 30 guardians in attendance.



## NJ MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE

The NJ Museum of Agriculture is located on the Cook Campus of Rutgers on College Farm Road North Brunswick. 2008 Events:

### DAIRY DAY

- Saturday, March 29th**
- Ongoing activities from 12 noon to 3pm.**
- ?? **Goat Milking**
- ?? **Kids Dairy Theme Craft**
- ?? **Low-Fat Yogurt Smoothies**
- ?? **\$1 Ice Cream Sundae Bar**

### 90TH ANNUAL AG FIELD DAY

- Saturday, April 26th from 9 am to 8 pm**
- ?? **Free Admission to the Museum**
- ?? **Purchase NJMA Jams, Jellies, and Salsas**
- ?? **Kids Craft—Potted Plant**

Thank you to our youth volunteers: (Left to right) Christin Sagui; Amelia Valente; Jessica Sagui and Tyler Bane.



## IN THE NEWS (cont.)

### POMONA GRANGE RECOGNIZES 4-H'ers

Pomona Grange has a yearly tradition of recognizing the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers. This year, at a ceremony on January 12th, Pomona Grange Certificates of Merit were awarded to 19 4-H'ers who had completed at least two years of outstanding 4-H work and had shown progressive achievement in citizenship. The 4-H members were: Tyler Bane; Tyler Cole; Randi Dorr; Susie Eastman; Graham Haliskoe; Alexander Kubiak; Jordan Larkin; Patricia McLoughlin; Lauren Myles; Daniella Pillar; Nicole Redden; Anthony Santoriello; David Sherman; Kelly Shoemaker; Sandy Smith; Gracie Spreat; Katherine Sotovelez; Jessalyn Waldron; and Walter Wissler. As is the Pomona Grange tradition, 2 4-H'ers received the Pomona Advanced Award for demonstrating continued growth in leadership and citizenship activities: Taryn Leary and Christin Sagui. The Pomona Grange Chaplain wrote a letter to Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent, praising the confidence and maturity of our 4-H'ers.

**MONMOUTH COUNTY POMONA GRANGE No. 12**  
**ORGANIZED MARCH 9, 1906**  
**PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY OF NEW JERSEY**  
**FARMINGDALE GRANGE No. 157, 952 HIGHWAY 33, HOWELL TOWNSHIP**

January 17, 2008

Monmouth County 4-H  
 400 Kozloski Road,  
 Freehold, New Jersey  
 Ellen Williams,  
 4-H Agent

Dear Ellen,

I am so glad that we had the opportunity to speak this past Saturday at the Farmingdale Grange, your view of 4-H and the Grange as partners in youth development in Monmouth County gave me great satisfaction, as this is my thinking also.


I am encouraged to follow up on the conversation with this letter in view that I might add some sense of the hope and promise that I perceive in The Monmouth Pomona Grange Annual 4-H Youth Recognition Program.

I was thoroughly impressed by Monmouth County 4-H, the leadership, the youth and the families made a strong declaration that day about all that is good in your organization. I was particularly delighted by the presentation of the recipients, who at 13 to 16 years old, had a very developed style of public speaking, one that readily conveyed their unique personal stories and easily drew us into their lives. All shared an uncommon pairing of skill and confidence not readily seen in kids their age. To a one they aspired to be outstanding and I commend their parents and leaders for a job well done in bringing them so far. It was a joy to be in the audience.

Marking 50 years in any endeavor is no small occasion and Saturday was truly a big milepost in the recognition program. The foundation laid by our predecessors is a stout one and building up from here sound. We are anchored by the past and carried forward by it also, a great surging tide of accomplishment and honor that bolsters us, an enviable position to be in.

I look with enthusiasm to this year, pledging my support and that of my association to Monmouth County 4-H. Thanks for the brilliant opportunity.

Best Regards,

  
 Al Conley  
 Chaplain

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## IN THE NEWS (cont.)

### POMONA GRANGE (cont.)

**By: Taryn Leary, Recipient Pomona Advanced Award**

Hi my name is Taryn Leary. I am seventeen years old and a senior at Marlboro High School. I have been involved in the 4-H for 5 years. Outside of 4-H, I have been actively involved in Habitat For Humanity for the past 4 years, where I have served the roles of Treasurer and Vice President. I have also been a member of the Varsity Track Team for the last two years. I have been a Homeroom Representative for the class of 2008 for the past 4 years. I have been involved in many community service events that include: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Locks of Love, and working with handicapped children. Throughout my years in the 4-H, I have been an active member of the Monmouth County Teen Council and the State Teen Action Council. In Teen Council I have lead a leadership position for 4 years. I started out as the recorder, then the 2nd Vice President, to President and this year I step down to Vice President. In State Teen Action Council I have served the role of Corresponding Secretary for two years. Currently, I am the 2007-2008 Monmouth County Ambassador. Teen Council is a club that gets teens involved in community service and leadership. In, Teen Council, I have been on the planning committee for Southern Jersey Teen Conference, where I lead the meeting with two other representative from Monmouth County. I have donated holiday gifts to the YCS girl's home. I have represented Teen Council at many events throughout the county. I appreciate all the help that I have received from my club leaders, Virginia Krzyzanowski, from Monmouth County Teen Council and Macy Compton from the State Teen Action Council.

I have learned so much by being involved in the 4-H. I think that the greatest thing that I have learned is Leadership. 4-H has given me so many chances to become a better leader. During meetings I am given the opportunity to take charge in delegating a group and voice my opinions. 4-H has also taught me how to become better at planning, and has helped me to become more organized. I have learned that in order to get a job done, somebody needs to take control in planning the event and help lead others in the job that they are needed in. I have always been a very shy person and would have never imagined being the leader of a group. Before 4-H, I was one of the people who would have never imagined being the leader of a group. Before 4-H, I was one of the people who would sit quietly in a group and only add my input if it was necessary. Now I know that I can lead and share my ideas, to help better the program. I feel that my 4-H skills have also helped me to achieve in school. Teachers along with my peers have noticed my skills at working with people. All of these skills have added a positive impact on me.

I am thankful that I joined the 4-H. It is a great program that has given tons of opportunities. I have been able to travel to Washington, D.C., as a delegate of Citizen Washington Focus. Here we toured around our nation's capital, learning more ways we can help our country. I also attended the National 4-H Congress, where I represented New Jersey, in a conference to obtain better leadership skills. Here I met delegates from around the United States and Puerto Rico. We toured around historical Atlanta. We also learned more about the cultures of the world. This was truly an amazing experience.

My plan as Ambassador is to help pass on the leadership skills that I have obtained. I am planning on holding workshops for the youth in 4-H to teach them teamwork and leadership. I will be holding workshops that are made up of team building activities, which require somebody in the group to step forward as a leader and everyone else to combine their ideas to achieve the final outcome. I don't want the skills that I have acquired to stop with me, they need to pass on. I hope that by being an active member in the Monmouth County program I can help make a difference, just like it did for me.

Everything that I have learned in 4-H is going to greatly help me in the future. I have a passion for helping others. After graduating from Marlboro High School, I will be attending college with the hopes of becoming a Special Education Teacher. In this career field, leadership is a key. I don't want to stop my involvement in the 4-H and my community upon graduation. I know that I will be actively involved in college and hope to continue to become a better leader. I am honored that I was chosen for this award. Thank-you to everyone who has helped me to achieve my goals and become the person I am today.

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# IN THE NEWS (cont.)

## 4-H LEADERS RECOGNIZED AT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

4-H club leaders were recognized for their service to 4-H'ers on February 2nd at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The ceremony, coordinated by the Monmouth County 4-H Association was held at the Smithburg Fire House in Freehold Township. All 4-H club leaders, currently active and new to the program were invited. Those leaders in attendance included: Nyna McKittrick, Thunderhoofs; David Sagui, Curry Combs; Rita Kole, Puppetry; Linda Domnizky, Power of Music; Stella Almeida, Knight Riders; Philipa Buffin, Curry Combs; Stacy Smith, Monmouth Clogging Express; Bruce Timmerman, Power of Music; Jane Hight, Curry Combs; Amy Barker, Teen Council and Teen Small Animal Club; Lorraine Yoncak, Nature's Navigators and 14 Carrot Rabbit Club; Ken Vaccaro, Horsin' Around; Ann Grega, Knight Riders; Robin Joline, Teen Council and Teen Small Animal Club; Roseanne Vaccaro, Horsin' Around; and Emily Schaaf, Monmouth Clogging Express. Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent, gave introductions and words of appreciation for all our club leaders' contributions. Ellen is also co-leader of the Backstage to Broadway 4-H drama club. Teen Ambassadors were recognized for their leadership: Crysta Timmerman, Power of Music and Teen Council; Sarah Sakowski, Monmouth County 2006-07 4-H Ambassador and Food and Fitness Ambassador; Clair McKittrick, 2008 Rabbit Ambassador and Food and Fitness Ambassador; Jessica Sagui 2006-07 Monmouth County Equestrian of the Year; Christin Sagui, 2007-08 Monmouth County Equestrian of the Year; and Alex Kubiak Garden Ambassador. Virginia Krzyzanowski, 4-H program Associate and co-leader of the Teen Council acknowledged the ambassadors' accomplishments. Lisa Vaccaro and Wayne Smith attended as future 4-H club volunteers. A special award, the Friends of 4-H Award, was given to Barbara McMorrow, Monmouth County Freeholder, for her outstanding support of the 4-H program. We appreciate Barbara and her husband Patrick attending our volunteer recognition ceremony. Special thanks to Monmouth County 4-H Association Vice Presidents Robin Joline and Ann Grega and club leader Amy Barker for their coordination of the program.



Monmouth County Freeholder Barbara McMorrow, receiving her Friends of 4-H Awards and Flowers from Amy Barker and Ellen Williams.



Monmouth County Freeholder Barbara McMorrow and husband Patrick, above with Food & Fitness and Rabbit Ambassador Clair McKittrick.



Jane Hight, Leader of Curry Combs receives flowers

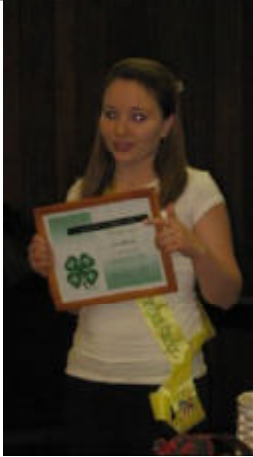
Below a good time had by all:



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## IN THE NEWS (cont.)



Hi my name is Clair McKittrick. I am a Food and Fitness Ambassador for Monmouth County. I am a member of the Teen Small Animal Club and the Thunderhoofs. I would like to thank my leaders; Amy Barker and Robin Joline leaders of Teen Rabbit, my mom Nyna McKittrick, leader of Thunderhoofs, Kelly Valenti for the Rabbit Ambassador Program and Virginia Krzyzanowski for the Food and Fitness Program.

I went to the New Jersey Leaders Summit in 2007 and presented information about how to eat foods that are the right size portions and making good food choices. I enjoyed talking to the different groups as they came in to see our display. It was fun to meet so many new people. As Rabbit Ambassador I have attended several events including: Ag Field Day, The Stars and Stripes Show, the Monmouth County Fair, the State Small Animal Show and the Agriculture Museum of New Jersey. I have spoken to over 200 people about rabbits at the different events. Right now I am holding Rabbit Ambassador training classes at the office, and hope anyone interested in learning more about rabbits and 4-H will come in for a class. (I would also like to thank the yearbook committee for the grant to help run the classes.)

My leaders have helped me by being good role models. They have helped me by finding ways to use my abilities, and they have offered me opportunities to learn new things. I am just a kid, but I appreciate the time and energy devoted by my leaders.



Jessica Sagui is a member of Curry Combs and currently serves as co president of the Youth Horse Council and was the 2006 Equestrian of the Year.



Crysta Timmerman is a member of the Power of Music Club and Teen Council.



Hi my name is Sarah Sakowski and I am the New Jersey Food and Fitness Ambassador along with Clair McKittrick. Our goals as Food and Fitness Ambassadors is to enlighten the community as well as the 4-H community about healthy eating and good fitness habits.

I have done many things being the 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassador. Along with Virginia

Krzyzanowski, we represented the state of New Jersey at the 2nd Annual John Deere Youth Leadership Academy in Chevy Chase, MD last September. We attended workshops that helped us to achieve the ultimate goal of bringing back a “game plan” to the state so that we can better communicate with the community. We also compared how each state does something different to make 4-H unique in each state. I also set up the Get Moving Get Healthy program at my church in Keyport at St. Joseph’s.

I would like to take this time to thank Virginia for all her support in everything I do, and Mrs. Whitehouse for being my 4-H leader all 11 years in 4-H and her support as well. Thank you for anybody I might have missed. Be well!



### **LACK OF SNOW** By: Alex Kubiak, the Garden Ambassador

With the lack of snowfall we have had this winter, it will cause a drought unless we get a good heavy rain or rains during the spring. The reservoir levels are dangerously low this winter. I know snow can be a major annoyance but when the snow melts in the spring and we got a good amount of snow the reservoirs would fill up quite a bit. In December all the reservoirs held about 66 billion gallons of water together. That is over 100 billion gallons below normal and that is about 24% full. The rainfall level is 10 inches below normal for the year. The past five months have been very dry in the water basin. If we do not get a good amount of snow it will cause us to go into a drought. **Source: Internet, New Jersey Drought**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 4-H YEARBOOK COMMITTEE 2008



The Yearbook Committee is busy putting together our 2007-2008 yearbook. If you would like to assist this committee, please contact our yearbook coordinator Paula Sagui at [psagui@optonline.net](mailto:psagui@optonline.net) or Kelly at the 4-H office. We need more reporters, photographers and, of course, people to sell some ads!

### THE CLOVER REVIEW COVER CONTEST!

**By: Katherine Sotolovez**

Hey everyone, it's me again! Alright, so most of you may know about the 4-H yearbook called "The Clover Review," If by some chance you don't know what the yearbook is all about, then there's another article in here somewhere telling you what we are all about. Anyway, you should all know that the cover of our yearbook is in major need of an update, and we want your help!

I know that there are plenty of creative people out there! Don't be afraid to express yourselves now! Sam Martin and I have taken on hosting this project; you can contact the both of us at the e-mail [theclover-reviewcontest@hotmail.com](mailto:theclover-reviewcontest@hotmail.com). If you have any questions, send them in, along with a submission if you'd like. Any ideas would be absolutely wonderful, and there pretty much aren't many limits on what you can do. Make sure that you talk of 4-H in general, don't focus on any specific club or group. We want people to know that we're all in this together! So make a collage or draw a picture for the cover and send it in!

The winner of this contest will get their cover used on The Clover Review, and two others will receive honorable mention within the yearbook itself. It's going to be great fun to see what kind of submissions we get in! Good luck and have a great 4-H year!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

### 4-H YEARBOOK (cont.)

The year book is well under way, and we have a great team working very hard to make this year's publication a real page turner. But we need YOUR help to make this book truly reflect our 4-H community. If your club has not already done so, please make sure you get your club page and photos in by March 1st. We also need your photos and account of the 4-H activities you have participated in this year. The year book covers the period beginning with Freedom Fest (Stars and Stripes) 2007 through the qualifying show in May. Please send photos with descriptions and identification to me via e-mail (below) or to Kelly in the 4-H office.

The yearbook is also a great fundraising opportunity; funds raised will support county 4-H programs and individual clubs directly. Each club will earn 20% of the revenue they raise. Last year participating clubs earned over \$400.00 for themselves and helped fund the very popular mini-grant program. Selling ads is easy; local businesses love the opportunity to support community programs such as 4-H. Look at last year's book for ideas. If every family sold just one ad, we would be able to significantly enrich our members' 4-H experiences.

As an additional incentive, there will be a drawing for a \$150.00 American Express gift card; each ad a member sells is an entry in the drawing. The more ads you sell, the better your chances of winning.

Ads will cost \$125.00 full page, \$75.00 half page, \$50.00 quarter page and \$25.00 eighth page (business card size). These ads can be sold to local businesses or individual supporters (special messages to 4-H members or clubs).

In addition to display ads, we will have a "Friends of 4-H" and "Sentiments" pages. "Friends" boosters are \$2.00 per name only up to 30 characters and spaces. "Sentiments" are short phrases up to 65 characters and spaces and sell for \$5.00 per line; multiple continuous lines are allowed. There will be a \$25.00 gift card awarded to the member who has the highest total Friends/Sentiments sales.

The deadline for ad submission is May 1st; however, ads turned in prior to April 15th will earn double entries in the drawing. Please help the yearbook coordinator by submitting your ads as you get them.

If you have any questions please contact me, Paula Sagui, at [paula@currycombs4h.com](mailto:paula@currycombs4h.com). Thank You!

### NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS 2008

The event is scheduled for November 28-December 2, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. It is a national leadership conference held each year over the thanksgiving Holiday Weekend (Friday-Tuesday), currently held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlantic, Georgia. The cost of attending is \$825.00 per delegate. Each candidate must complete the Congress application (which can be found at [www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress) and attend a scheduled interview session. Members must meet the following requirements: You MUST be enrolled in grades 11-13. This means that you must be enrolled in grades 10-12 as of September 2007 in order to be eligible to apply. 4-H members must have completed at least one full 4-H year and be a member in good standing in order to be eligible to apply. 4-H members must demonstrate good 4-H Public Speaking skills. And 4-H members must demonstrate leadership on the local level. Leadership at the regional or state level is preferred.

**Application and recommendation form must be postmarked on/or before Friday, April 18 at the State Office (firm). Contact Virginia Krzyzanowski if interested.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



### HORSE

### NEW THIS YEAR!

#### REMINDER!

#### Junior Equestrian of the Year Contest!

Horse registrations and helmet  
policy forms are due:

Horse project members in the 7th and 8th  
grade need to submit their application by  
March 10, 2008.

**April 1, 2008**

Horse Health Forms are due:

If you would like more information, please  
contact Kelly at (732)431-7265 or by  
E-mail at [dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu)

**April 18, 2008  
by 4:30pm**

### FREE WORKSHOPS

**THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM  
2040 SPRINGDALE ROAD #100  
CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY**

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The following workshops are offered free to educators. As 4-H Leaders you are eligible to attend. The Discovery Museum is located in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. It is very easy to get to and offers wonderful programs. Consider attending. Workshops for 2008 are from 5:00-7:00pm.

**Monmouth County 4-H Association Scholarship** for continuing education. Deadline to the 4-H office is April 15th. To be eligible a 4-H member must be: 17-19 years of age, at least a senior or equivalent if home schooled, must be a member of the Monmouth County 4-H Youth Development Program, have been actively involved in 4-H for the last three years, show proof of acceptance at an accredited educational facility, and may only win it once.

April 9th Environmental Artists  
May 6th Frogs in Your Classroom  
July 10th Fun in the Sun  
August 6th Creating Mini Museums  
October 14th Science and Literature  
November 5th Art Across the Curriculum  
December 11th Science of Sport

#### **Monmouth County Board of Agriculture Scholarship**

Deadline to the 4-H office is May 10th. The scholarship is open to college students studying agriculture and veterinarian related courses. The scholarship award is available to Monmouth County residents only. High School and College transcripts must be submitted. Awarded by July 1st.

**Please call or email:  
[onthego@discoverymuseum.com](mailto:onthego@discoverymuseum.com) to register.  
Jennifer B. Newman (856)424-1233 x 314**

**If you are interested in applying for a scholarship,  
please call the 4-H office for an application.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



### 13th ANNUAL TEEN MEDIA CONTEST

TRENTON – The Department of Human Services' Division of Family Development will hold its 13th Annual Teen Media Contest to reinforce the Department's mission to instill a sense of parental responsibility in teens. The statewide contest is open to all New Jersey middle and high school students.

This year's theme is: "Depict how your parent supports your dreams". Student hand-drawn submissions should illustrate a time when a parent has supported one of their dreams. For example, helping practice soccer moves for a big game, sitting in the front row of a dance recital or helping study for a big exam. "For the first time in 10 years, teen pregnancies have risen 3 percent," said Jeanette Page-Hawkins, director of the Division of Family Development. "With that statistic as a backdrop, the NJ Department of Human Services would like to give teens a reason to think about their own parents to understand the emotional and financial commitment it takes to be a parent. We especially want them to consider the additional responsibility parenting would be for a teenager and how it would impact their dreams."

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 11, 2008. Staff from the Division of Family Development and its Office of Child Support Services will judge the contest.

Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and certificates of achievement during a springtime awards ceremony. Winning submissions along with additional student entries will be featured in the annual child support calendar which is distributed to all middle schools and high schools in New Jersey.

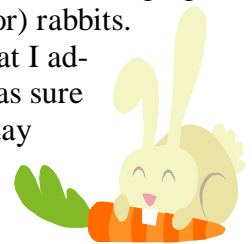
To register, or for more information on this contest please contact Laura Febbi at 973-286-8282 or [laura.febbi@winningstrat.net](mailto:laura.febbi@winningstrat.net). You will also be able to register online starting January 14 at [www.NJTeenMedia.org](http://www.NJTeenMedia.org).

For more information about child support services, call 1-877-NJKIDS1 or visit [www.njchildsupport.org](http://www.njchildsupport.org).

### RABBIT AMBASSADOR TRAINING CLASS

By Clair McKittrick

At our first class we made a paper collage that looked like a rabbit as an ice breaker to start the class. We went over what we would be doing over the six classes and we learned about parts of the rabbit. We identified the parts on my Jersey Wooly "Ruddy". Thanks to Mrs. Whitehouse for bringing in her two amazingly cute baby (junior) rabbits. We ended with a yummy snack, that I admit was not the healthiest, but it was sure good. The class meets every Tuesday night 7:00 – 8:15. You are welcome to join us anytime you can.



### 4-H OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In this newsletter mailing, guardians will be receiving letters from the 4-H Outreach Committee. The purpose of this committee is to help match 4-H members with 4-H opportunities. The goal is to inform 4-H members of opportunities within their communities that will help them develop their interests and talents.

Guardians who would like more information regarding opportunities or who would like to assist with this committee should contact Karen Reeman (for non-animal science related activities) and Denise Knapp (for animal science related activities).

Contact Information:

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(732)933-1882 or e-mail: [ckreeman@juno.com](mailto:ckreeman@juno.com)

Denise Knapp  
(732)202-8351 or e-mail [luckyline05@aol.com](mailto:luckyline05@aol.com)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



### 4-H KIDS FOR KIDS

By: Dot Eberhardt, Leader

2008 is the 25th Anniversary of the 4-H Kids for Kids Spring Formal. Each year contributions raised by our club members and our Ad Journal are used to provide a prom for over 200 of our Special Friends, people with developmental disabilities. We work closely with the recreation department of the ARC of Monmouth to plan this wonderful, fun-filled night. Our club members, ages 13-18, take their responsibility for the success of this evening very seriously and work hard to provide a better prom every year! This year we are going to be having a Bowl-a-thon and multiple car washes! They love being the hosts and hostesses for the evening.

As you are probably aware, donations to charities have declined in recent years. We have certainly seen the effects of this in Kids for Kids. While our costs are continually rising, we are keeping the registration fee at \$20 this year. We rely on our fundraising, the Ad Journal and donations to meet the remaining costs of providing the prom.

Prom night is very special. Our guests are treated to a magical evening of dinner and dancing-complete with corsages, boutonnieres, balloons and prom favors made by club members. The Ad Journal is distributed to all of our guests and to more than two hundred chaperones and club members who work to make this night possible. We would like to make this 25th Anniversary Ad Journal the biggest and best yet!

Our club's theme song is "You Light Up My Life" reflecting our belief that you light up your own life by working to light up the life of another. Please help us with your tax deductible donation to light up the lives of our very Special Friends. What ever you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for any support you can give us!

Send to: 4-H Kids for Kids, PO Box 768  
Middletown NJ 07748  
Phone/Fax (732)741-1084

### VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4-H has recently established a Volunteer Development Committee; this committee will be contacting former 4-H leaders to identify areas in which 4-H can continue to help them in their professional development. If you would like more information regarding the opportunities within 4-H or would like to help with this committee, please contact:

Karen Reeman at (732) 933-1882  
or e-mail: ckreeman@juno.com

### EDWARD T. OLESKIE SCHOLARSHIP IN DAIRY AND ANIMAL SCIENCE

The New Jersey Holstein Association is pleased to announce the availability of financial assistance to New Jersey residents studying dairy/animal or agriculture science, for the school year beginning in September 2008.

The scholarship will be awarded to applicants based on merit, demonstrated interest in agriculture, and financial need. The scholarship is open to undergraduate students majoring in agriculture at two- or four-year institutions or to individuals pursuing continuing education in a related field. Consideration will be given to New Jersey residents planning to return to a career in New Jersey. At least one scholarship will be awarded, and it may be renewed annually upon approval of the selection committee.

**Applications are available from the 4-H office.  
Deadline is August 1, 2008.**

For information, contact:

Dr. Michael L. Westendorf  
Department of Animal Sciences  
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New Brunswick NJ 08091-8525  
Phone: (732)932-9408  
E-mail: westendorf@aesop.rutgers.edu



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



Left to right: Founder-Patricia Betty and Board Members—David Schoenholts, Linda Phillips and Isis(seated).

### GARDEN OF JOY

By: **Virginia Krzyzanowski, 4-H Program Associate**  
and **Pat Betty, Leader**

The Garden of Joy begins the growth process... The 4-H seed has been planted for an exciting partnership with the Garden of Joy Projects. This group's mission is to create urban gardens in Asbury Park with inner city youth. Their goal is to teach a better understanding of the environment, proper nutrition and work force preparation. Since we share a "learn by doing" approach it was only natural that they become 4-H leaders and members. Two planning meetings have taken place—in January at the 4-H Office and in February at the Garden of Joy Marketplace and Office in Asbury Park. We look forward to having them join our 4-H family.

Inner City children could benefit from being a part of the Garden of Joy project. This pilot aims to get children excited about nature and life through growing plants from seeds to full plants, learning about each stage of growth, then harvesting and processing these plants during the growth cycles.

We will learn to make tinctures, infusions, herbal oils, seasonings, potpourris, aromatherapy blends and scented oils. We will also link this project to companion

cooking classes in schools.

This pilot project will begin in Asbury Park, but can be adapted in other areas in the future. Trinity Church has already donated the land for this Garden of Joy.

The Garden of Joy will be unique in different ways. Because we feel that there is a great loss of natural healing knowledge running through the genes of many people, we hope to re-claim and re-amplify this knowledge by focusing on plants of certain cultures: Native American, Afro/Hispanic/Creole/Caribbean and southern cultures especially.

Another unique component of this project is that along with nutritious plants such as tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and the like, we will also grow scented plants due to their great medicinal, nutritious and cosmetic properties. The Project Director, Patricia Betty, has a strong background in herbs and aromatherapy, and taught for years at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

The written material supporting this project, will be developed into illustrated teaching books to assist with replication of this project. We visualize this as an After School/Summer School Program, with the possibility of on-going indoor lessons in the Fall and Winter. We would get interested students for this project through teacher suggestions and/or inquires from children and/or parents. Children would be expected to sign up for and complete each planned module.

Success of the project will be measured by the children's enthusiasm, commitment, appreciation, responsibility, reliability and discipline towards their charges. We will also look for a positive impact on their scholastic and personal lives as a result of their participation. We will test the children verbally and in written form to gauge what they have learned. We will also give questionnaires to teachers and parents for their feedback.

True success of this project will be the continuing adaptation and expansion of this project. We welcome unlocking hidden talents and encouraging shy flowers to bloom! In the future, maybe some of our children might consider careers they might not have thought of before: ethnobotany; herbology; horticulture; aromatherapy; Master Gardener; Naturopathic Doctor, and the like.

For more information contact, Virginia Krzyzanowski, 4-H Program Associate at (732)431-7267 or by e-mail at: [Krzyzanowski@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:Krzyzanowski@aesop.rutgers.edu).

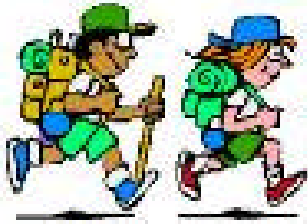


# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SAVE THE DATE

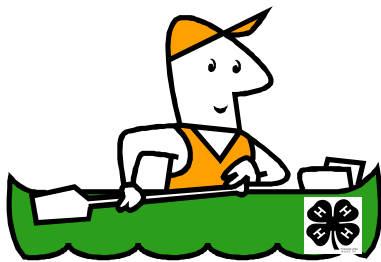
### JUNE 27th TO JUNE 29th, 2008 CAMP NOMOCO WEEKEND



Save the dates from June 27th through the 29th for the annual Monmouth County 4-H Outdoor Recreation and Education Camp at Turkey Swamp Park.

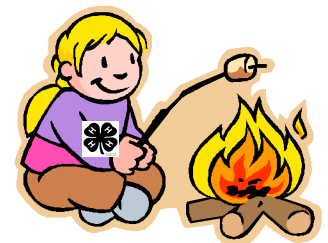
Come join fellow 4-H'ers for a memory making weekend while camping at a local county park. There will be events planned for all age level 4-H'ers.

Activities being planned include: canoeing, kayaking, outdoor cooking, swimming, archery, hiking, nature crafts, orienteering, campside first aid, scavenger hunt, flashlight tag, and the around the lake relay, all centered around having fun while learning something outdoors.



You can stay the entire weekend, one night, or come for the day time activities. There are platform tents available or you can pitch your own tent.

The cost is \$25.00 for campers and free for adult chaperones. The fee includes the camp site, platform tents, food, craft and recreation supplies. For a registration packet please call the 4-H office at 732-431-7263.



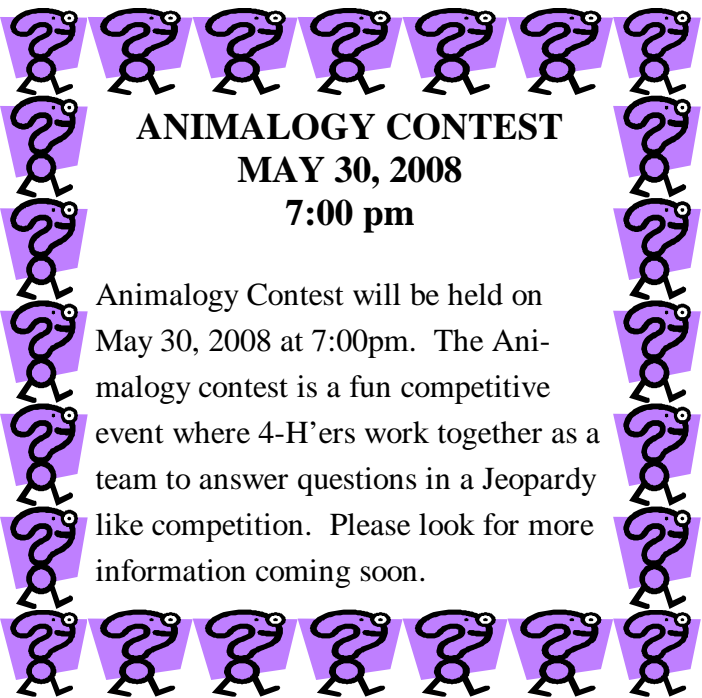
### SAVE THE DATE!

### RABBIT ACADEMY

**MAY 16th 2008**

**7:00 pm**

The Rabbit Academy will be on May 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend.



### ANIMALOGY CONTEST

**MAY 30, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

Animalogy Contest will be held on May 30, 2008 at 7:00pm. The Animalogy contest is a fun competitive event where 4-H'ers work together as a team to answer questions in a Jeopardy like competition. Please look for more information coming soon.



## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

### REMINDER STILL TIME TO REGISTER

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY**

**4-H SCIENCE FAIR**

**Saturday, March 29, 2008**

**1:00 pm**

**Ag Building, 4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ**

**For Prep and Standard Members**

**Get SET to have a great time!**

**Contact Mary Bane, Club Leader—Live and Learn Club at 732-872-0239**

**or e-mail her at [maryannthipie@aol.com](mailto:maryannthipie@aol.com) for additional information.**



### PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE SAFETY DAY

**APRIL 5, 2008**

**New Jersey Junior Breeder's Symposium  
New Jersey Farm Bureau Women's Committee  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station  
Cook Campus—Food Science Building  
65 Dudley Road  
New Brunswick New Jersey**

Space is limited to the first 300 to register. Planned activities include demonstrations and discussions on numerous safety-related topics. Participants will be divided into small groups to rotate through the safety sessions listed below. Small groups allow the children to participate in activities designed to help them learn.

**COST:** A fee of \$12.00 per attendee covers the cost of lunch, snacks, speakers.

**TO REGISTER:** Contact the 4-H Office for a registration form and release and consent form. For more information contact Lynn Mathews at [lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us) or Debra Moscatiello at [debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us) or either at (609)984-4389.





## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



### MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

**FAIR THEME**  
**“4-H ONE WORLD, OUR DREAM”**  
**FAIR DATES**  
**July 23-27, 2008**



**Important deadlines for the fair are fast approaching. Please mark these important dates on your calendar!**

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|--------------|--|
| April 1st    | Horse Stall Application<br>Dunking Booth/Popcorn Booth (Leaders may sign up their club for the popcorn/<br>dunking booth in the office or via e-mail or fax starting on <b>April 1st</b> . see<br>pages 9 & 10 of your Fair Book)<br>Food Booth Shift Request<br>Club Games Request<br>Club Craft Request<br>Club Booth & Banner Request |
| May 1st      | Member & Leader Cards Request  |
| June 2nd     | Pass Requests due<br>Food Booth Position List Due  |
| June 4th     | Mandatory Livestock Meeting (All Livestock Members) 7:00pm   |
| June 6th     | Mandatory Horse Meeting (All Horse Members) 7:00pm   |
| June 24th    | Mandatory Small Animal Meeting scheduled for <b>Tuesday, JUNE 24th</b><br>(All Small Animal Members) 7:00pm  |
| June 27th    | All Project Entry Forms Due<br>Overnight Permission Youth & Adult<br>Pet Photo Entry/Photo and Fee Due<br>Fun Day Entry Form & Fee Due<br>Open Gymkhana Pre-Entry Fee & Form Due<br><b>FINAL FAIR MEETING @ 7:00pm</b>   |
| July 14 & 15 | Fair Projects Due Between 8:30 am –7:30 pm<br>Record Books Due   |
| July 15th    | Bread, Food, Nutrition & Free For All Food Entries Due   |
| July 19th    | Removal of Items From the Barn   |
| July 20th    | SET-UP OF ALL 4-H DISPLAYS 9:30 am   |
| July 22nd    | Fair Booth Set-Up at 5:00 pm   |



# 4-H CAMP NEWS



## LINDLEY G. COOK 4-H CAMP

FOR FUN...FOR FRIENDSHIP... FOREVER... FOR EVERYONE ... 4-H!!!

### RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is located in the heart of Stokes State Forest in Sussex County, NJ. You will enjoy 100 acres of beautiful forest in the Kittatinny Mt. Range. Sessions are one week in length and open to those completing 3rd—10th grade. **Enrollment is open to all youth, even if they are not a 4-H member!** Choose your own activities prior to arrival. Cost is \$345 per week. Discounts for early registration and 4-H members! Check our website at [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu) or call for more information about our overnight camp.



- Have Fun
- Make Friends
- Have Choices
- Boat & Swim
- Drama
- Crafts
- Archery and Air Rifle
- Leadership
- Teen Programs
- Nature
- Great Counselors
- Volunteer!
- Special Events
- And Much MUCH more!



**One Week Sessions  
July — August**



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**ATTENTION: April: Two community service work days. One on April 5th and one on April 19th. Shooting Sports Instructor Training, April 25th-27th.**

*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

## March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Jr. Equestrian of the Year Applications due	11	12	13	14	15 4-H Dairy Bowl Burlington County
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Burlington Cty. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">State 4-H Equine Presentations</div>	25 Somerset Cty.	26	27	28 4-H County Public Presentations	29 4-H Science Fair 4-H Office 1:00 pm
30	31					

## April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Horse Registrations & Helmet Policy due. Fair items see pg 33	2 4-H Public County Presentations	3	4	5 L. J. Cook Camp Community Service Day
6	7	8	9	10	11 Teen Media Contest Applications Due  Ambassador's Team Building Program 4-7	12 North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference
13	14	15 Turn in Ads for Yearbook for extra chances.  Association Scholarship Deadline	16	17	18 Horse Health Forms due by 4:30 4-H Office  Kids for Kids prom	19 L.J. Cook Camp Community Service Day
20 Seedling Sale Pick Up 9:30-1pm Ag Building	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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