



Sussex County 4-H March Newsletter



- March 1 - *Night 1 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School***
- Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference registration due.
- Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due to 4-H Office.
- Deadline to register for NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl.
- March 7** – Deadline to register for the Sussex County St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- March 8 - *Night 2 of County Public Presentations – Frankford School.***
- March 8-10 - North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference, Pompton Plains.**
- March 11** – NJ 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest deadline to upload videos.
- March 15 - *Night 3 of County Public Presentations –High Point Regional High School***
- Sussex County Agricultural Society Scholarship due. [Application can be found here.](#)
- March 16** - Newton’s St. Patrick’s Day parade
- March 22 - *Night 4 County Public Presentations – Kittatinny Regional High School.***
- March 23 - Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference, G.H. Cook Campus, Rutgers University**
- New Jersey 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Mercer County Extension Office
- March 30 - Regal Rabbits 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop, Newton High School.**
- Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium, G.H. Cook Campus, Rutgers University.
- NJ State 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest and Film Festival.
- March 31 – Small Animal Skill-a-thon and Showmanship, 4-H Shotwell Bldg. 2-3:30pm**
- Deadline for clubs/groups to register to participate in Spring Fling.
- April 1 - Sussex County 4-H Foundation Scholarships due. [Application can be found here.](#)**
- Horse Registrations / Lend lease forms are due at the 4-H Office
- April 5** - National Congress Applications are due at the 4-H Office.
- April 13 - Sussex County 4-H Presents “Spring Fling” Family Fun Day 10am-2pm**
- Small Animal Skill-a-thon And Showmanship, 4-H Shotwell Bldg. 6-7:30pm
- April 15 - Sussex County Fair Agricultural Scholarship due. [Application can be found here.](#)**
- April 19 – RCE/4-H Office is closed.**
- April 27 – Rutgers Day (Ag Field Day, 4-H Expressive Arts Show & State 4-H Dog Show)**
- May 1 – All other lend-lease forms are due (Dairy, Rabbit, Sheep, Goat, Alpaca, Swine), and animals must be on specified property.**
- 4-H Teen Council Member Scholarships Due
- May 15** - S. C. 4-H Animal Representative application packets are due to your 4-H club leader.
- May 27** - 4-H/RCE Office Closed
- Branchville Memorial Day Parade (animals welcome)
- Newton Memorial Day Parade
- June 1 - S. C. 4-H Animal Representative applications are due from club leaders to the 4-H office**
- Record books, Fair Entries & Fair pass form should begin to be turned into the 4-H Office.



New Jersey 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl & Dairy Art Contest

March 23, 2019

Mercer County Extension Office

1440 Parkside Ave. Ewing, NJ

The New Jersey 4-H Dairy Bowl is a competition for youth in grades 4-13. The dairy quiz bowl will combine contests for 4-H and the Junior Holstein Association. Junior Teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests until the top team is chosen. A team will have four members. Senior members will be competing as individuals. The winner will be the individual with the overall highest total score. For more information go to: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/dairybowl/dairybowl-2019-info.pdf> Deadline to register is **March 1**.

Dairy Art Contest is being held in conjunction with the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl on March 23rd in Mercer County. It is open to **ALL** 4-Hers that are enrolled members as of Jan. 1 and considered a member in good standing. All Entries must follow a dairy cattle theme. **The deadline to enter is March 15**. For registration paperwork contact the 4-H Office.

Discover the Leader in You! Leadership Conference

March 23, 2019,

Somerset County 4-H Center 310 Milltown Rd. Bridgewater, NJ



4-H members in grades 6-8th are invited to attend this leadership conference. They will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community. The conference will include a guest speaker and interactive workshops.

More information and registration can be found [here](#) or by contacting the 4-H Office. Deadline to register is **March 1**.



Sussex County St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 16, 2019

Newton, NJ

The 16th annual Sussex County St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in Newton on Saturday, March 16, when VVA Chapter 1002 will lead more than 900 marchers down Spring Street, Newton in front of thousands of spectators.

The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. The line of march will proceed up Spring Street, turning right onto Moran Street and onto Memory Park. These streets will close beginning at 11 a.m.

There will also be Irish theme characters and sweets and other free treats for children.

If your Club is interested in joining the parade, please complete a parade application and return it to the Sussex Co. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee no later than **March 7th**.

Go to <https://sussexcountynjirish.com/> for event forms and/or parade applications including Parade Standards applicable to all participants or call Mary & Dennis Harrington, Event Chairpersons at 973-827-9179.

SUSSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due March 15

Graduating seniors at Sussex County high schools are invited to apply for the Sussex County Ag Society Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship has been presented for over 25 years to graduates pursuing degrees in fields related to agriculture. In past years, multiple scholarships have been awarded for \$500.00 each. The number of scholarships and amount awarded varies annually, depending on the number of applicants and the available funds. You can find more information and where to send the completed application at the following link: http://sussex4h.org/Downloads/2019%20Forms/Scholarship%20-2019%20%20Sussex%20County%20Ag%20Society_forms_ue.pdf



2019 Spring Paper Clover Drive @ Tractor Supply

March 27-April 7, 2019

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

We encourage our clubs and volunteers to participate at their local Tractor Supply Co. store during Paper Clover Drive. Not only will this help donations and improve relationship with our local stores, you will also have the opportunity to enter the Paper Clover Participation Sweepstakes, where 75 clubs will win a \$100 TSC gift card. Participation can be anything from setting up a project boards on tables, live animal displays, and having clubs encourage customers to donate.



Regal Rabbits 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

March 30, 9am -3pm.

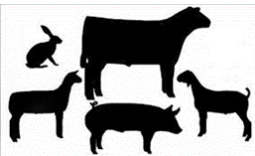
Newton High School



This 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Workshop is open to all. Multiple workshops will be offered on topics such as breeds, pedigree, showmanship, genetics, cavy care, and many more. Participants may choose topics for up to four workshops to participate in throughout the day.

We encourage 4-H members, parents, families and 4-H Leaders to attend! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Walk-in/day of registration fee is \$10.00 per person. Registration paperwork can be found at the following link [Regal Rabbit 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop Registration](#) . Registrations and payment are due by March 20.

For more information or to check availability contact Mackenzie Kratzsch: littlethumpsrabbitry@yahoo.com



2019 NJ Junior Breeder's Livestock Symposium

Saturday, March 30, 2019 Cook College Farm,
Rutgers University, College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ.

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

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

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



NJ 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival

March 30, 2019, Round House at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm



Youth may work individually or as a team to create educational videos about any livestock to enter in the. NJ 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival A selection of videos will be shared at the film festival during the final session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium. Youth of the top three scoring videos will receive awards. Videos will be scored on educational value, creativity, clarity, pacing, and technical quality (sound, lighting, etc.). Youth are encouraged to have fun and be creative in designing their video entries! **Entries must be uploaded by March 11, 2019.**

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

Small Animal Skill-A-thon & Showmanship

March 31 & April 13 2018

4-H Shotwell Building at the fairgrounds.

Those in the Small Animal Project Area must participate in one of the two dates available to be eligible to bring and show their animal at the Sussex County Fair. Those who would like to complete for Showmanship Honors and participate in the Round Robin during the fair must attend on March 31. For more information, contact your club leader.

March 31- 2:00pm-3:30pm

April 13 - 6:00pm-7:30pm

If you are unable to make it to either date, you **must** arrange to make it up prior to **March 30**. To do so, contact Tara Vaughn at: tink81086@yahoo.com.



National 4-H Congress 2019
November 29-December Atlanta, Georgia
Application due by April 5

The application for 4-H National Congress is available now! This event is open to 4-Hers who are in grades 10-12 as of September 2018. New Jersey only sends a delegation of approximately twelve-fifteen (12-15) 4-H members plus chaperones.

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

The program combines special presentations, seminars, discussion groups and a service learning experience. The nation’s most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present current and timely information.



Sussex County 4-H presents “Spring Fling” Family Fun Day
April 13, 10am-2pm
Sussex County Fairgrounds
37 Plains Road, Augusta



The 3rd annual Spring Fling is a fun family event being put together by our 4-H Clubs. Participating clubs will be providing a free, fun spring themed activity for visiting children to enjoy. 4-H members will also have an opportunity to fund raise for their club by selling something directly to the public. What your club decides to sell is at the club’s discretion. Each club will handle its own sales and funds. Clubs participating will have a table and chairs provided.

We hope your club will be joining us for this great event that combines community service and fundraising. If your club is interested and has not already signed up, please contact Debra Brodhecker at sdbrodhecker@gmail.com or 973-534-3540. Deadline to register is Wednesday March 27, 2019.



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

This scholarship is presented each year to a Sussex County graduating high school senior or college student currently enrolled in an agricultural program, pursuing a two or four-year degree, or graduate studies in many fields of Agriculture. To see what fields of agriculture are approved, more information, and the application please use the following link: http://sussex4h.org/Downloads/2019%20Forms/NJSF_Ag%20Div_Schlrshp_2019.pdf



Expressive Arts 4-H Imagination in Action @ Rutgers Day.
Saturday, April 27th, from 10-4PM
Voorhees Mall of the College Avenue Campus

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

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



WANTED: Host Families for Japanese Exchange

July to August 2018

NJ 4-H is excited to once again host Japanese Youth for four weeks in summer 2019. Host families are needed for the participants and adult chaperones. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to showcase everyday NJ life as well as learn from a new friend. This is open to both 4-H and non 4-H families.

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

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



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

4-H Animal Science Resource Blog is available at

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





Congratulations and Recognitions



Congrats, to the members of Goatopia who participated at the 2019 Goat Extravaganza held at the Hunterdon County Senior Center on January 5. There were some of the 41 participants for 11 clubs and 9 counties.

The following members earned the following awards:

Tabitha Westermann- In the Senior division Goat themed Art show: 2nd in 2-D Art & 1st in 3-D Art
- Contributed to the 3rd place in Senior Quiz Bowl

Evangeline Westermann- in the Jr Division Goat themed Art Show: 1st in 3-D Art
- Contributed to the 2nd place Poster Presentation Contest (Lg room)
- Contributed to the 1st in Jr Quiz Bowl

Amanda Agne- Contributed to the 2nd place Poster Presentation Contest (Sm room)

Zander Westermann- Contributed to the 3rd place Poster Presentation Contest (Lg room)

Congrats to the members of the Sussex County Horse Bowl Team who participate in the NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl on February 23 at the Burlington County Fire Academy.

The Senior Team took 4th place out of 16 Teams. It was manned by **Kazzandra Higgins**, of Merry-Go-Riders and S. C. Teen Council, and **Carly Studt** of Sussex County Pony Express.

The Junior Team place 3rd out of 12 Teams. It was manned by **Bella Fernandez**, of Merry-Go-Riders and Kitty Kat Kids, and **Grace Mackey** of Merry-Go-Riders.

And extra Congrats to **Bella Fernandez** also took 2nd High Individual Overall!

Other 4-H Events Around the State



**Somerset County 4-H
Master Chefs Club**

3rd Annual Cupcake Wars

**Sunday, March 21, 2019
1:00 - 6:00**

4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Pizza dinner/social while they cool.
(please bring some money to help cover the cost)

Rules

1. Cupcakes must be made from scratch
2. Teams of 2 or 3 (three is preferred)
3. Each group bakes 6 cupcakes (prefer to use disposable 6-muffin tins)
4. Store bought frosting is permitted, but may make your own from scratch
5. Decorate as many of the 6 cupcakes as each team wants
- team will pick best one to be judged
6. Team needs two clean printed copies of their recipe for the judges
7. Each team is judged separately by two judges simultaneously
8. Danish ribbons for each team. Blue Rosette for Champion, Red Rosette for Second Place.

For more information or to register your club, email
4hfamily@hotmail.com
(please include a roster with your registration)

**SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL SHOW
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**



RABBIT, CAVY, and SMALL ANIMAL SHOW **NO Herpetology**

Sponsored by the
SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL CLUBS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 2019
The Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3551

Show Secretary: Vishnu Pillai/ Claire DeAngelis
Phone# (201) 491-5928 (Vishnu)
(908) 581-2063 (Claire)



SAVE THE DATE!

April 6, 2019

Ocean County 4-H Event!

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

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




SAVE THE DATE

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

Saturday, October 5, 2019
Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, New Jersey



Registration will be available by May 15, 2019
<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/smallanimalshow/>