



## Passaic County 4-H Happenings

# Passaic County 4-H Year in Review 2018

## A Note From Your 4-H Agent

Here's to a warm and welcoming spring soon! I know I am ready for the end of winter and the beginning of spring. How about you? It's been a while since we last put out a newsletter. So far back, that we had to included Fair, Awards Night, Science-Sational Day and teen Winter Camp in this issue. Throughout the 2018 year all of our clubs were busy with meetings, club events, and just having fun. We had a very successful fair, well attending Awards Night, super fun Science-Sational Day, and all the teens at Winter Camp said they had a great time making new friends and trying out something new. Cheers to an even more fun, successful, and exciting 2019 for all of our club members, and their families. A special thanks to all our special volunteers who make our clubs and events so wonderful! Let's continue to make the best better!

In 2019 the 4-H office will be relocated for a few years until our new office space is ready for us.

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**Rutgers Day, a free day-long event on Saturday, April 27, 2019, where you can explore your state university.**

Experience hands-on learning activities, enjoy entertaining stage performances, and see exhibitions and demonstrations hosted by our accomplished professors, staff, and students from Rutgers University–Camden, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, and Rutgers University–Newark.

On **Rutgers Day, Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 4PM**, 4-Hers are invited to **“Put Their Imagination Into Action” with Expressive Arts 4-H**. Rutgers Day is a day long celebration of many exciting activities and Expressive Arts 4-H is pleased to be a part of this special event. **Our Imagination in Action station is on the Voorhees Mall of the College Avenue Campus, Rutgers New Brunswick.** Cloverbud and Standard 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.). This is a non-competitive event. Individual and group entries are welcome. All 4-Hers will receive participation ribbons and certificates. This is the tenth year that Expressive Arts 4-H has been part of the Rutgers Day celebration! For more information contact the 4-H office.

**“Don’t watch the clock do what it does-keep going”— Sam Levenson**

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## Passaic County 4-H 2018 Year in Review



### Passaic County Fair

Although bad weather cut our fair short in 2018 we had tons of fun and look forward to this years fair!

### Passaic County 4-H Awards Night 2019



Awards night 2018 was amazing! Thank you to all our 4-H members, families, and volunteers for a great year.  
Here's to 2019!





## Passaic County 4-H in 2019

### 4-H Teen Winter Camp 2019



### Passaic County 4-H Science-Sational Day 2019



The kids dive deep into coding in our Animate Your Name workshop.

Our 5th annual Science-Sational Day was another amazing success! With 48 junior scientist participating this was our biggest Science-Sational Day ever! Thank you so much to our staff and volunteers for making this day possible. Here to an even bigger Science-Sational Day in 2020!



The kids learn about how you can use plants to make natural dyes.



Our friends at Optum teaching the kids about Arduinos, Raspberry Pi and Technology.



The kids had a blast experimenting with flavors in Soda Science.

“The most important thing is to enjoy your life- to be happy- it’s all that matters” — Audrey Hepburn

## Club Updates — I See for You Puppy Club



Our club has welcomed four new puppies. Quatro a male Golden Retriever, Olympia a female German Shepherd, Razzle a female Black Labrador and Iroquois a male Black Lab/Golden mix. And we had to say good-bye two pups returning to The Seeing Eye, Uriel and Aiden.

We had our annual Holiday party and had a surprise visitor, Colleen Reilly, our former leader and puppy educator. And we all had a great time hearing all her adventures in her new career. On January 2nd we did a club demonstration for the Stony Brook School in Kinnelon.

If you are interested in raising a Seeing Eye Puppy. The I See For You Puppy Club meets at 6:45 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Lakeside Middle School in Pompton Lakes.

## Junior/Teen Council

Passaic County 4-H Junior/Teen Council were very busy in 2018, working at fair, helping to MC Awards Night, collecting donations for those in need. The end of 2018 our club grew with several new club members. 2019 has started off busy with lots of getting to know you activities, teen Winter Camp, and North Jersey Teen Conference. Club members also spent a good portion of time creating Valentines Day cards for Passaic County Meals on Wheels participants. This summer one of our very own club members Sky, will be representing NJ 4-H at Leadership Washington Focus (LWF), and we may even have one of our club members apply to represent NJ 4-H at National 4-H Congress. So proud of our amazing 4-Her's!!!



## Alpaca Pals

Alpaca Pals has been very busy this fall. We started our September still excited from our August wet fair. We have several new members and they had a great first experience with the alpaca by attending the grand opening of Tractor Supply in West Milford in November followed by an Open house at Humor Me Farm where the alpacas live. We had many families come to interact with the alpaca and the 4-H kids got to talk about their alpaca. This was also a fundraiser that was a huge success. The open house was such a success that it was schedule a second time with just as many participants.

We then had a great turn out for our Passaic County awards night in December.

The recognition the kids receive is always fun. All of the 4-H kids get to meet each other even though our county is so large.

January brought many cold days, but the weather didn't stop the kids from working with their alpaca and keeping up with herd health. A farmers work is never complete and these kids get to experience the need to keep a watchful eye on their alpaca so they don't get sick. In addition to working with the alpaca, Alpaca pals also made over 100 valentines for our county Meals on Wheels program recipients. We look forward every year to share some love with the older people throughout the county through these cards.

**“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.” — Eleanor Roosevelt**



## Upcoming Events

### March

- ☆ March 23— NJ State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Ewing, NJ
- ☆ March 23— Discover the Leader in You! Leadership Conference, North Jersey, Bridgewater, NJ
- ☆ March 30— NJ State 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival, New Brunswick, NJ
- ☆ March 30— NJ 4-H Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium, New Brunswick, NJ

### April

- ☆ April 26— Passaic County 4-H Public Presentation Night, Wayne, NJ
- ☆ April 27— Rutgers Day, All Campuses

### May

- ☆ May 3— Bergen County 4-H Public Presentation Night

### June

June 8 — State Public Presentations

## Public Presentation Night 2019

Passaic County 4-H Public Presentation Night is **Friday April 26 at the Public Safety Academy in Wayne (300 Oldham Rd.) 6pm-8pm.** This year we are going to use online registration forms to make it more convenient to register for the event. Remember all active 4-H'ers should be participating in Public Presentation Night. If you can't make our night you can do make-up at Bergen County 4-H Public Presentation Night on **May 3 in Hackensack.** If you can't make either you should be presenting at your club meetings.

If you have any questions about Public Presentation Night make sure to ask your club leader for more information. Below you will find the link and a QR code for the online registration form.

[https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9RLREiKgD74O1pz](https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RLREiKgD74O1pz)



### Don't Forget:

- ☆ Be Prepared
- ☆ Know Your Topic
- ☆ Practice
- ☆ Try Your Best
- ☆ Have Fun



“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.” — Mark Twain

# New Jersey 4-H Camp

It's never too early to start thinking about summer at 4-H Camp. Register early before they run out of bunks! Get ready for sunshine and happy days because there's no better way to enjoy the summer than at 4-H Camp! Have fun with campers from all around the state as they go back in time, become pirates and solve a camp mystery!



To Learn more about 4-H camp you may contact the camp at 973-948-3550 or email [4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu).

Visit their website [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu) The Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is located at 100 Struble Rd

## Summer 2019

- Session 1: (July 1st-6th) 4th of July Carnival
- Session 2: (July 8th-13th) Whodunnit Again?
- Session 3: (July 15th-20th) CHAOS!
- Session 4: (July 22nd-27th) 2019: A Space Odyssey
- Session 5: (July 29th-August 3rd) CamPaNdeMoNiUM
- Session 6: (August 5th-10th) Epic Tales... of Mythic Legends!
- Session 7: (August 12th-17th) S'moregasbord\*

\* THIS SESSION IS CURRENTLY SOLD OUT

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The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. For additional information, contact: 973-684-4786 or [nj4h.rutgers.edu](http://nj4h.rutgers.edu). Cooperative Extension encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you need special accommodations, have questions about physical access, or require alternate means for program information, please contact your local Extension Office. Contact the State Extension Director's Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3583. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact your local Extension Office for information regarding special needs or accommodations. Contact the State Extension Director's Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3583.

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