



A Note From Kenny

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Hello everyone what an amazing 2018 we are having so far! Our annual Science-Sational day had the biggest turnout in its 4 year history with over 45 kids in attendance! We are so happy that the program is taking off and hope to set a new record next year. NJTC was a blast once again this year, Passaic County 4-H had 9 teens attend. Public Presentation Night was a giant success this year with over 25 presentations from almost all of our clubs! Great job presenters and for those of you who received an excellent, first of all congratulations, and second of all go make us proud at State Presentations!

Summer is almost here and you know what that means. Time. For. FAIR!!! The Passaic County Fair is **August 16—19** so mark your calendars and get you exhibits ready. The exhibit guide will be available on the Passaic 4-H website (Passaic.njaes.rutgers.edu) by the end of May and you will have until July to get them to the 4-H office. Let's make it another record breaking event by having over 100 exhibits! If you have any questions about exhibits for fair contact the 4-H office or talk to your club leaders. Have an wonderful spring!

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PASSAIC COUNTY KIDS TO PARK DAY

Saturday, May 19th - 10am - 3pm

Garret Mountain Reservation - Great Meadow



Kids to Parks Day is a nationally coordinated day created by the National Park Trust designed to connect kids and families with their local, state, and national parks. We invite all Passaic County families and kids of all ages to join us in celebrating our parks and National Day of Outdoor Play. **Passaic County Kids to Parks Day** will be filled with many fun activities such as hiking, nature scavenger hunts, face painting, obstacle courses, hands-on science activities, yoga, archery, and more! There will be prizes to be won and lots of fun! This is a free family event and we hope you and your family will join us on this great day!

For More Information Contact the Passaic County 4-H Office

“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.” — Fred Rogers

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Science-Sational Day 2018



WOW!!! Our 4th Annual Science-Sational Day 2018 was the biggest one ever with over 40 junior scientist in attendance. Activities included: recycle-bots, soil science, super roller-coaster and wiring a house. The kids had a blast and learned so much science!



Thank you to all of our volunteer instructors and staff and PCCC Wanaque for our new Science-Sational Day home.



North Jersey Teen Conference 2018



NJTC 2018 is in the books and this might be the most fun one yet! Friday night teens played a crazy and slightly dangerous game of human hungry hungry hippos. For our workshop teens participated in our 4-H Cooking Challenge Workshop, they got to make sandwiches and decorate cupcakes. Saturday night ended with a fun dance and Sunday morning teens made dog toys out of old T-shirts for a local animal shelter.



“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” - Ferris Bueller

Public Presentation Night 2018



4-H Public Presentation Night 2018 was exciting to say the least. Over 25 presentations with amazing topics from how to make cookies to welding. We could not be prouder of our young presenters and the amazing job they did. Thank you to our volunteers judges for giving our presenters valuable critiques that will make them even better presenters.

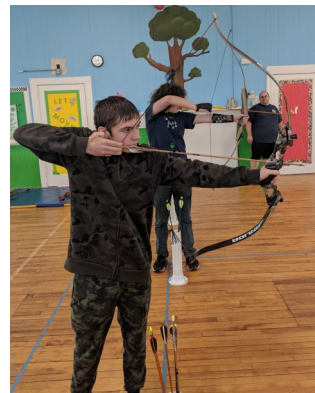
Thank you to our club leaders who have been pushing public presentations. Public Presentations is a staple of 4-H programming and having this big of a turn out just lets us know were doing it right! Our goal for next year is over 30 presentations!!



Club Update — Emerald Archers



My name is Christopher Williams, and I'm a member of the Passaic County Emerald Archers. The club recently sent two members to NJTC. I was one of those two members, and attended the workshop on stand up comedy, the book club, and the workshop on dealing with conflict. I learned a lot and really enjoyed the experience. Recently, many members attended Presentation Night, with most getting a very good or excellent rating. Over the summer, the club plans on shooting outdoors. Meetings will be held on the first and third Saturdays of June and July from 2-4pm at Garret Mountain. These meetings will be open to the public, so come and join us if you have an interest in archery.



Club Updates — West Milford Velveteens



Hello. I'm Jessie, President of the 4-H Velveteens. We had an exciting winter! Since the snowstorms kept us indoors, we did some hands-on learning in the kitchen! From baking banana bread, to making farmers cheese, to decorating gingerbread cookies, we did it all. On one day we even decorated heart-warming Valentine cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. We have a birth announcement, one litter of 3 lilac rabbits, also called "The Purple Bunny." I am hoping to raise a few ducks this year, and I have never tried this before. It is a good thing we cancelled the first duck order, because a winter Nor'easter knocked out power all over town for many days.

Mr. Sheriff of 4-H Liberia warmed us up with his report on the seeds we donated to his program from our Seed Bank, when he was here in the USA from his Nelson Mandela Fellowship. He took a giant box of seeds from our seed bank back to his country, and here are just a couple of Liberian 4-H students that are standing next to their school garden planted from those seeds. They started an agri-business and will be entering the vegetables in their Liberian 4-H Fair! We hope to do likewise this year. We also got a beautiful thank you letter from the teacher of Sowers Alternative High School in Wichita, Kansas, telling us how much the special needs students there are learning socially and physically with our seeds. We hope to give a donation of seeds to the West Milford Township Library soon for local use. In the coming months we have some exciting plans including public presentations and attending the first chicken expo at Grow-rite Garden Center. " Looking forward to seeing you at public presentation night!.



Junior Council



The Passaic County 4-H Junior Council is a club filled with teens whose mission it is to change the community for the better. In the club there are various positions the member hold that include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Health Officer. These jobs assist in teaching the members crucial skills that will be used throughout their professional lives. The club comes together to give help to the surrounding towns in any way possible. We have made dog toys for animal shelters, Valentines Day cards for the elderly that were distributed by Meals On Wheels, collected winter accessories for families in need, collected pencils for Right to Write, and donated books for local schools that were affected by fires and weather traumas. Not only do we interact with nearby places, they also have pen pals in Russia who they send letters to in order to help assist them in learning english. Additionally, we also attend events such as the New Jersey Teen Conference, the Real Media Project for teenage demographic research of the area, Barnes and Noble gift wrappings for the holidays, and local fairs. On top of all of that, we do bonding events to help promote leadership, teamwork, exploration, learning, and problem solving.

"It's not who I am underneath—it's what I do that defines me" — Bruce Wayne

I See for You Puppy Club



On November 11, Sarge, Bravo, Urial, Presley, Aggie and Barb went to Rockaway Mall with their puppy raising families. They easily navigated the crowds of holiday shoppers and went up and down the elevator several times. They enjoyed the Christmas decorations and practiced good manners in the food court.

On November 21, our club did a demonstration for a group of Girl Scouts. Club members talked to the Scouts about our responsibilities as puppy raisers and the puppies showed the commands they have been learning. Opie, Presley, Aggie, Sage and Barb were very well behaved and enjoyed spending time with the girls.

We did another demonstration for a group of Daisy scouts on February 9. Sarge, Parker, Aiden, Presley and Aggie represented our club and demonstrated their skills.

We recently welcomed two new puppies to our club. Aiden is a male yellow lab and Parker is a male German Shepherd. They are cute little balls of fluff, but growing fast.

If you are interested in raising a Seeing Eye puppy, please contact The Seeing Eye at www.SeeingEye.org or 973-539-4425. The "I See For You" Puppy Club meets at 6:45 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Lakeside Middle School in Pompton Lakes.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RESOURCE BLOG

STEM CONNECTIONS, KNOW-HOW & INSPIRATION

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Check out the 4-H Animal Science Blog! It's an amazing resource for 4-H'ers in animal programs/clubs who want to learn from experts and other 4-H'ers.

<https://4hanimalscience.rutgers.edu/>

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Look for the Summer Issue of 4-H Happenings in August!

Upcoming Events

May

- ☆ May 2— NJ 89th FCHS Annual Living Well Day, Bridgewater, NJ
- ☆ **May 11— True Colors Workshop, Wanaque, NJ**
- ☆ May 12 — Kids Gardening Series, South Brunswick, NJ
- ☆ May 19 — 4-H Yard Sale Fundraiser, East Brunswick, NJ
- ☆ May 20 — Tri-County Horse Show, Freehold, NJ

June

- ☆ June 9 — NJ State 4-H Public Presentations, New Brunswick, NJ
- ☆ June 25-29 — Somerset 4-H TOPS Camp, Bridgewater, NJ

July

- ☆ July 8-14 — Citizenship Washington Focus, Chevy Chase, MD
- ☆ July 16-20 — Leadership Washington Focus, Chevy Chase, MD

New Jersey 4-H 2018 Fair Season!

Atlantic County 4-H Fair	August 9–11	Cumberland County Cooperative Fair	July 2–7	Middlesex County Fair	August 6–12	Somerset County 4-H Fair	August 8–10
Bergen County 4-H and Master Gardener Fair	September 23–24	Essex and Hudson Counties 4-H Fall Fair	September 30	Monmouth County Fair	July 25–29	Sussex County Farm & Horse Show/New	August 3–12
Burlington County Farm	July 17–21	Gloucester County 4-H Fair	July 27–30	Morris County 4-H Fair	July 19–22	Warren County Farmers' Fair	July—August 4
Camden County 4-H Fair	September 23–24	Hunterdon County 4-H & Ag. Fair	August 22–26	Ocean County Fair	July 11–15		
Cape May County 4-H Fair	July 19–21	Mercer County 4-H Fair	July 28–29	Salem County Fair	August 7–10		



Passaic County Fair



4-H at the Fair!

- ☆ The 4-H fair will be held at the Passaic County Fair on Garret Mountain **August 16th through the 19th.**
- ☆ Just like last year exhibit entries will be received, judged and taken to fair from the 4-H office. **Exhibits due by July 13th.** Please contact your leader/4-H office for more details.
- ☆ Help! If you would like to volunteer your time at the fair contact the 4-H office. Thanks!

Day	4-H Tent Schedule	Passaic County Fair
8/16 Thurs	**5pm — 9pm	6pm — 11pm
8/17 Fri*	**5pm — 9pm	6pm — 11pm
8/18 Sat*	**2pm — 9pm	3pm — 11pm
8/19 Sun	**2pm — 9pm	3pm — 11pm

* Fireworks @ 9pm ** 4-H tent opens up before fair for setup

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.

Visit their website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu The Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is located at 100 Struble Rd

Summer 2018

- Session 1: (July 2nd-7th) Classic Camp / 4th of July
- Session 2: (July 9th-14th) Jurassic Camp
- Session 3: (July 16th-21st) CHAOS!
- Session 4: (July 23rd-28th) Pirates of Lake Shawanni
- Session 5: (July 30th-August 4th) Brokener Time Machine
- Session 6: (August 6th-11th) Camp Whodunnit?
- Session 7: (August 13th-18th) S'moregasbord

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