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A note from your 4-H Agent

Welcome to September and the official start of the new 2022-2023 4-H Club Year! Just a quick thank you to all our Club Leaders, Volunteers, and 4-H Staff who were able to make last year such a large success as we returned to a more normal club year. Without all of you the Passaic County 4-H program wouldn't be possible.

We also want to thank all our new club members and families for sticking with us through this past year. Congratulations to everyone for completion of your first year in 4-H or another year, for public presentations you have made, and for fair exhibits submitted. Everyone is so proud of you!

We finished out strong in August with a great showing at the Passaic County Fair!

Thanks to all who helped us in so many ways, spending time face painting, talking to

new and interested families, helping to keep families engaged throughout the weekend. It was so nice to have so many club members, volunteers, and families together in one place. Hundreds of families from all over learned new things about Passaic County 4-H. Thanks so much to Jennie for all the great pictures she took and for all her hard work during the fair!

We are looking forward to getting all our clubs back up and running with many new club leaders/volunteers this year. We welcome all our new club leaders and volunteers who are willing to support the Passaic County 4-H Club Program! We appreciate all of your help and support.

We look forward to welcoming many new club members and their families this year as we start things off for 2022-2023.

- Marycarmen Kunicki, 4-H Agent

Re-Enroll in 4-H Online!

A new club year means its time to re-enroll in 4-H Online.

1. Go to 4-H Online: <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/about/4honline.asp>
2. Log-In with the same email and password as previous years
3. Go to Family Profile
4. Select "Enroll Now" in blue next to the name of the 4-Her you are enrolling
5. Update information
6. Select the club(s) you are enrolling in and then select next
7. Answer the questions
8. Sign consent and releases
9. Finally select the green "Submit"
10. You're re-enrolled!

**New leaders should follow instructions emailed to you*



"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits." - Samuel Butler (English novelist)

UPCOMING EVENTS:**September 16th to 18th**

Bergen Fair at Van Saun County Park from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

September 24th

Essex Fall Festival at Roseland County Office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For other state-wide virtual programs, activities, and clubs please check out:

<https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/>

PASSAIC COUNTY FAIR!

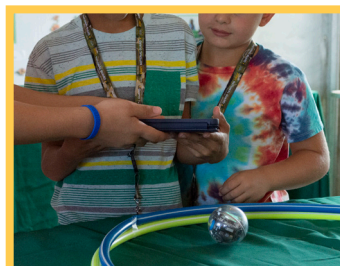
The 4-H/Rutgers Cooperative Extension tent at the Passaic County Fair was a-buzz this year! There were several interactive exhibits to spread the word about the importance of pollinators, including the Honeybee Challenge, live Monarch butterflies and caterpillars. The Passaic County Fair was August 11th to 14th at Garret Mountain Reservation, Woodland Park, N.J.



We had a wonderful turn-out of 4-Hers this year! Thank you to Annie C., Ashley C., Alyssa D., Brianna R., Carissa M., Christian R., Chris H., Declan A., Emily N., Erin R., Giancarlo R., Jacqueline L., Kabir H., Leticia D., Lily C., Luffy, Megan R., Nick H., Sahrish M., and Veronica L. Also, thank you to our amazing volunteers Raquel, Maureen, Athziri, Kwema, Erika, April, and Isabella!



Some of our staple fair attractions made a strong comeback this year like Oobleck, face painting and temporary tattoos. In addition to our old activities, we also brought in some new ones like Spheros which are baseball sized spherical robots that can be controlled using iPads. We also added Hoop Gliders and Binary Bead Bracelets to our repertoire



There was also a wonderful showing of exhibits from our 4-Hers this year. Congratulations to Victoria F., Isabella P., Bella F., Veronica L., Jacqueline L., and James F. for being awarded ribbons of Excellent.

MORE PASSAIC COUNTY FAIR PHOTOS



Passaic County 4-H Happenings

Welcome to the 2022-23 Club Year! We are looking forward to an awesome year

PREAKNESS AGGIES

The Preakness Aggies ended the prior club year by celebrating together and preparing materials for the county fair.

Club meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month will take place on the 4-H Office in Wayne:

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 15, 2022
- November 19, 2022
- December 17, 2022



Welcome to our new club leaders of Preakness Aggies, Erika H. and Kwema W!



JUNIOR/TEEN COUNCIL

Junior/Teen Council celebrated the end of their club year with a potluck.

Junior/Teen Council will be meeting at the 4-H Office in Wayne on the 3rd Saturday of the month for the 2022-23 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 22, 2022
- November 19, 2022
- December 17, 2022

EMERALD ARCHERS

Emerald Archers will be meeting in North Haledon on the 1st Saturday of the month for the 2022-23 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 29, 2022
- November 5, 2022
- December 3, 2022

Welcome to our new club leaders of the Emerald Archers, Mattie F., Laurie F., Lisa M., and new Assistant Instructor Xander W.! Also, welcome to our adult volunteer April C.!

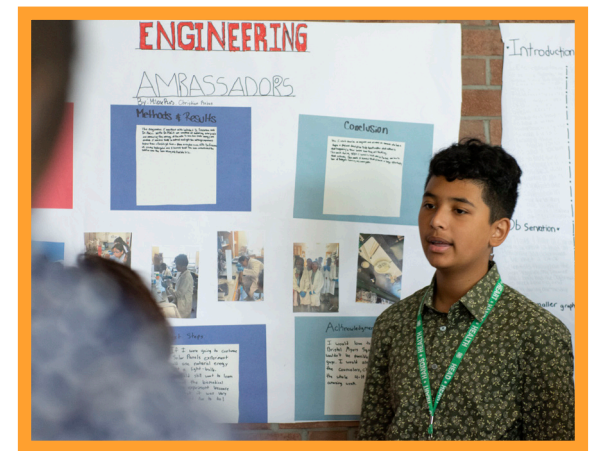


“It’s the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!” - Winnie the Pooh

STEM AMBASSADORS

This summer, four of our STEM Ambassadors attended the Rutgers 4-H Summer Science Kick-Off Week from July 11th to 15th at Rutgers New Brunswick. During this week, our STEM Ambassadors met with scientists, engineers, and professors from Rutgers University. They lived on campus and experienced life like a college student.

Each of our STEM Ambassadors listened to presentations and participated in experiments relating to marine science, exercise physiology, microbiology, engineering, nursing, and environmental sciences. They then had to create posters and present on what they learned. Congratulations to Jude M., Christian R., Kabir H., and Christos H. for completing Summer Science Kick-Off!



The STEM Ambassadors will be meeting at the Clifton Public Library on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for the 2022-23 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

September 14, 2022

October 5, 2022

November 9, 2022

December 8, 2022

Welcome to our new club leader Isabella A. and our new adult volunteer Naresh H.!



“And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves...”

- Virginia Woolf

IN THE COMMUNITY

Animal Science at Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children

This summer, over 150 youth at Karl's Summer Camp learned about animals from farmers, 4-Her's, and experts in animal science across NJ. This program had both virtual and in-person components. Via video call, campers were able to talk with animal science experts and see different animals they would not normally have the ability to see.

The Warren County 4-H Agent, opened her beehives for our campers to see. She spoke with youth about the importance of pollinators and the intricate hierarchy of a beehive. Older campers completed the Honeybee Challenge, which taught them about how farmers will pay to have someone bring bees in to pollinate their crops.

The 4-H Agent from Monmouth County, presented about herpetology, the study of reptiles, with the help of 2 Monmouth County 4-Hers, Evan and Nicole. Evan showed campers his spotted leopard Gecko named Barry Allen. Nicole presented her yellow corn snake and her bearded dragon. Campers then made color-changing slime to learn about the difference between warm and cold-blooded animals.

Jennie and Kathleen, from Passaic County I See for you Puppy Club, came to the camp with their puppies to teach campers about working dogs. Youth were given the opportunity to pet the pups after their demonstration.

The Program Associate of Gloucester County spoke with the campers about horses. Campers completed an activity that compared the skeletal system of a horse to a human, which is more similar than different.

A Passaic County Ag and Natural Resource Agent taught the campers about the differences between chickens, turkeys, and ducks. She also gave them a virtual tour of her poultry farm in Warren County.



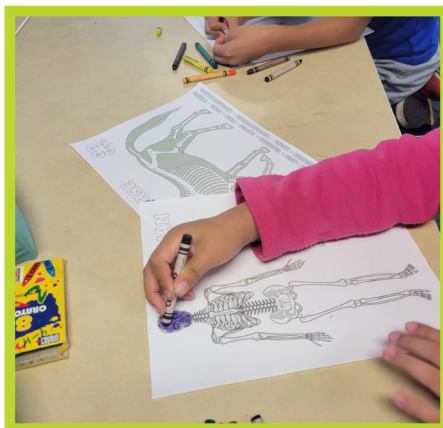
Iris the Seeing Eye puppy



Campers doing the Honeybee Challenge



A camper making color-changing slime



Campers coloring human and horse skeletons

"Come, little leaves," said the Wind one day, "Come to the meadows with me and play. Put on your dresses of red and gold; For Summer is past, and the days grow cold." - George Cooper (American Poet)

Animal Science at the Clifton Library

The Clifton Library hosted an Animal Science series on Monday evenings in July and August. Over 100 youth from the community were invited to come and learn about different animals from around the state from farmers, 4-Her's and volunteers.

A 4-H Agent from Monmouth County, spoke with youth about livestock and gave them a tour of a sheep farm in Monmouth County via video call. Youth were presented with hay, feed, wool and even hoof clippings to have the tactile experience of being on a farm!

Jennie T, Sandy S, Joe D, and Kathleen T from Passaic County I See for you Puppy Club, brought their puppies in training to the library. They spoke about the process of raising a puppy for the Seeing Eye, and what it means to be a guide dog. Youth were very excited to pet the pups after the demonstration.

**Creative Things to Do:****Walking Art Challenge**

Join Ocean County 4-H for the 3rd Annual Walking Art Competition! Using a GPS device, you are challenged to walk or geo-catch an image using an app of choice (recommendations include Map My Walk®, Strava®, or Geocaching®). This competition is for any NJ youth, 4-H member or not, and will run from June 24 to September 16.

Entries will be featured during National 4-H Week in October.

Enter here: <https://tinyurl.com/WalkingArt>

Poetry x Hunger: Poetry Call from Middle and High School Youth

Join in the Poetry X Hunger project promoted by Expressive Arts 4-H of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Write poems which inspire your readers to prevent and eradicate hunger and poverty. If you would like to learn more about the many forms of poetry you can choose from, contact Ellen Williams, Expressive Arts 4-H Agent at williams@njaes.rutgers.edu.

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns.” - George Eliot (English novelist)

New Jersey 4-H Photo Corps



The NJ 4-H Photo Corps is open to youth in grades 4-13 (one year out of high school). You do not need to be enrolled in 4-H Photography Project to join Photo Corps. There is no cost to join or participate in the program.

Each month you can submit a photo based on that month's theme and your photo will be evaluated by professional photographers. They will then give you feedback and advice on how to make the best images!

Theme for September 2022:



September's theme invites you to share your perspective. Show us how you see the world or use your subject to ask the question.
Submission due by 9/30/2022

To sign up, go to: <https://nj4hphotocorps.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15369>

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“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.” - Emily Brontë