



A note from your 4-H Community Assistant

Welcome to September and the start of the new 2023-24 4-H Club Year! Thank you to all our volunteers and Club Leaders for making last year such a success. Passaic County 4-H would not be able to function without your invaluable hard work and dedication.

We had a very busy summer at Passaic County 4-H! We were able to start a new club at Green Acre Community Garden in Paterson with a brand new set of leaders and volunteers. We finished the summer strong in August with the Passaic County Fair. Thanks to all the 4-Her's and friends that volunteered their time to make the fair a resounding success!

-Jennie Thomas, Community Assistant

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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*



Passaic County 4-H Happenings

PASSAIC COUNTY FAIR

Passaic County Fair was Thursday, August 10th to Sunday, August 13th at Garret Mountain Reservation in Woodland Park, NJ. The fair began Thursday night with thunderstorms and heavy rain, but the poor weather cleared up and we were able to have an outstanding fair weekend! 25 youth and 5 adults volunteered at the 4-H tent during the fair this year. We had different STEM activities including Oobleck and Paper Circuits. We also had a face painting station!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7TH
OCT** **October 7th - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**
Paws in the Park at Goffle Brook Park in Hawthorne, NJ
- 14TH
OCT** **October 14th - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**
Science Saturday at Clifton Public Library in Clifton, NJ
- 15TH
OCT** **October 15th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**
Essex Fall Festival at Giribaldi Hall in Roseland, NJ
- 1ST
DEC** **December 1st - 6:00pm to 8:00 pm**
Passaic County 4-H Awards Night at Public Safety Academy in Wayne, NJ

4-H CLUB'S VOLUNTEER A HELPING HAND

Members of Passaic County 4-H led a morning of volunteering at Father English Community Center on an early Saturday morning at the end of May. Father English Food Pantry provides food to households experiencing food insecurity. They helped to sort donated good and prepare food for patrons of the community center. Thank you to Mr. Naresh for organizing a successful day of service!



At the beginning of June, 4-Her's volunteered to clean-up at Garret Mountain Reservation in Woodland Park. They spent a Sunday morning picking up litter. They cleaned the areas around the beginning of the trails and around the newly constructed playground.



PREAKNESS AGGIES

The Preakness Aggies finished the club year in June by making a poster to be displayed at the Passaic County Fair. The poster displayed pictures of the different activities they did over the past year as well as the different acts of service. They began this new club year by creating club rules, planning for the year ahead and meeting new friends

Preakness Aggies will be meeting at the 4-H Office in Wayne for the meetings of the 2023-24 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 16th, 2023
- November 18th, 2023
- December 16th, 2023

JUNIOR/TEEN COUNCIL

The club ended their club year with a potluck in June. They also created their club poster for the fair. To begin the new year, Junior/Teen Council elected new club officers!

Junior/Teen Council will be meeting at the 4-H Office in Wayne for the meetings of the 2023-24 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 16th, 2023
- November 18th, 2023
- December 16th, 2023

Congratulations to

President - Ella

Vice President - Megan

Treasurer - Kabir

Secretary - Julia

Reporter - Jocelyn

EMERALD ARCHERS

The Emerald Archers hosted an instructional program about archery. They taught the basics of the sport, including the many important safety rules. The Archery Instructional took place at Garret Mountain Reservation on Saturday, May 27th and Saturday July 1st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

The Emerald Archers were at the Bergen Fall Harvest Festival on September 23rd and 24th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at Overpeck County Park in Ridgfield Park, NJ.



Emerald Archers will be meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Lyndhurst Community Center for the 2023-24 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 7th, 2023
- November 4th, 2023
- December 2nd, 2023

STEM AMBASSADORS

8 STEM Ambassadors represented Passaic County at Summer Science Kick-Off Week at Rutgers University in New Brunswick from July 10th-14th, 2023. Over the course of a week, these STEM Ambassadors stayed in apartments on campus, toured greenhouses and labs, and met with scientists and professors across a diverse array of fields. These fields include computer science, microbiology, exercise physiology, animal science, engineering, neuroscience, renewable energy, data science, biomedical science, and environmental science, to name a few.

The STEM Ambassadors also learned different STEM activities. They now take what they learned and teach back to youth in their communities.



For their first club meeting in September, the STEM Ambassadors elected new club officers.

- Congratulations to:
- President - Kabir
- Vice President - Casey
- Treasurer - Jose
- Secretary - Jonathan



The STEM Ambassadors will be meeting at the Clifton Public Library on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for the 2023-24 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:
 October 11th, 2023
 November 8th, 2023
 December 13th, 2023



GREEN ACRE GARDEN CLUB

This summer, a new club started at Green Acre Community Garden in Paterson. This club met every Friday in the summer to learn about plant identification, composting, harvesting, and running a farm stand. During their meetings, the club also created signs to label the different plants in the garden. Green Acre Community Garden gives away free produce on Saturday mornings from June to September for Paterson residents. Many teens also volunteered during the farm stands on Saturdays.



The Garden Club will be meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Green Acre Community Garden for the 2023-24 Club Year.

Club Meeting Dates:

- October 14th, 2023
- November 11th, 2023
- December 9th, 2023

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

4-Her's from Passaic and Essex County participated in a 3-day leadership training that emphasized connecting with the outdoors. They hiked 1.76 miles through Ramapo Valley State Park and took pictures of different native plants to try to later identify them. They also canoed on the Passaic River, led by the wonderful David Alexander from the Essex County Environmental Center. The 4-Her's volunteered to help spread fresh woodchips on the trails at the Essex County Environmental Center. They also hiked the trail at South Mountain to Hemlock Falls. Their last adventure for this camp was the TreeTop Adventure Course.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Animal Science at Memorial Day Summer Camp

Youth in 1st grade to 6th grade learned about different aspects of animal science this summer. They learned about how bird beaks have changed over time to adapt to different types of food. They also learned about the importance of pollinators like bees and butterflies. To finish out the summer, campers got the chance to meet puppies that are being raised to be guide dogs for the Seeing Eye. They learned about different types of working dogs like medical assistance dogs, police dogs, and guide dogs.



Everyone Can Create at the Clifton Library

Youth in kindergarten to 3rd grade used technology to spark their creativity. They explored their creative side using different devices, including iPads and Spheros, small spherical robots. They learned about different forms of expression through drawing, photography, video, and music. Youth created their own stop motions, songs, and animations. This program ran for six weeks from July to August at the Clifton Public Library. The STEM Ambassadors volunteered at this program to assist younger youth with the technology. This program was provided through the Apple Community Education Initiative.



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



Do you want to help eliminate hunger and poverty through the power of your pen? NJ Arts 4-H is introducing Poetry X Hunger. Join in the Poetry X Hunger project promoted by Expressive Arts 4-H of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. If you would like to learn more about poetry, contact Ellen Williams, Expressive Arts 4-H Agent at williams@njaes.rutgers.edu.

For more information visit <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/comm/poetryxhunger/>

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