

Passaic County 4-H Happenings



A note from your 4-H Community Assistant

The summer has come and gone so quickly! We have been up to a lot of fun this season at Passaic County 4-H. We learned about animal science in Paterson, explored our creative side in Clifton, and learned alongside scientists at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. We also had a wonderful time at the Passaic County Fair! The rainy weather couldn't keep our spirits down. Thank you to all who came out to support!

Welcome to a new club year!

New Jersey 4-H will be transitioning to a new online registration system this year. Instructions and information will be presented at your September/October club meetings.

-Jennie Thomas, Community Assistant

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NEW CLUBS

Passaic County 4-H is excited to launch 2 new club for the 24-25 club year! Both clubs are looking for members and adult volunteers to help run the club.

If you would like to join or volunteer, please email Passaic4H@njaes.rutgers.edu.

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Passaic and Essex County

4-H Dog Club

Club Focus: Animal Care, Grooming, Agility and Showmanship
Dog ownership not required!

Youth grades 4th-12th
Also looking for adult volunteers!

Meeting Dates: Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 21st
Meeting Location: 821 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland, NJ

Sign up here:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/5wrxj573>

Contact passaic4h@njaes.rutgers.edu & essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu for more info

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Art Club

First Fridays of the Month
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
at the Wayne 4-H Office
1310 Route 23 N Wayne, NJ 07470

Scan the QR code or follow the link to sign up:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/vfy0z48a>

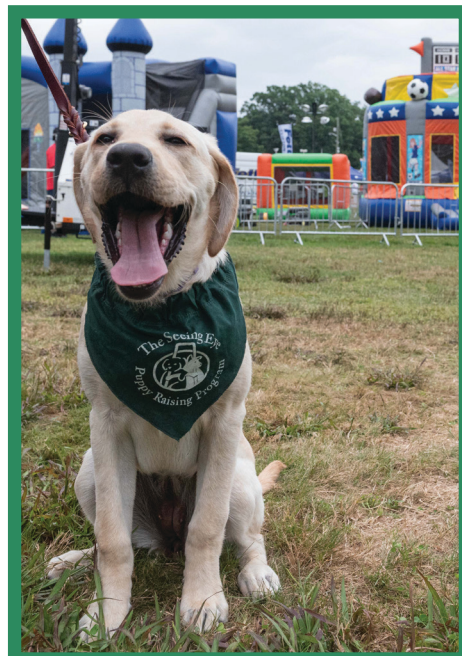
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PASSAIC COUNTY FAIR

Passaic County Fair was from Thursday, August 15th to Saturday, August 17th at Garret Mountain Reservation. Due to inclement weather, Sunday's fair was cancelled. 4-Her's made the most of the weather and had a lot of fun in the 4-H / Rutgers Cooperative Extension tent through the weekend.

In front of the tent, 4-Her's taught fairgoers how to make Oobleck out of cornstarch and water. While inside the tent, there was a lot of learning about animal science. Erin and Megan showed off their beautiful rabbits, Ruby and Roxy. There were also some adorable chicks in the tent. The chicks hatched the Tuesday before the fair began. Families were able to learn all about what it takes for an egg to become a chicken and how to safely handle baby chicks.

Due to weather, the hula hoop contest and watermelon contest were not able to make a return this year, but they will return in 2025!





PREAKNESS AGGIES

The Preakness Aggies will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the 4-H Office in Wayne, NJ. The Aggies are a cloverbud club for youth in kindergarten to fourth grade. Each monthly meeting, club members focus on different topics including science, art, agriculture, and much more.

This club is currently recruiting new members!



JUNIOR/ TEEN COUNCIL



The Junior/Teen Council will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the 4-H Office in Wayne, NJ. This club consists of teens and young adults in 6th to 12th grade. This club focuses on leadership, public speaking, and volunteerism. They will learn what it means to be a good citizen, learn to identify the needs in their 4-H program and communities, and how to work towards them. Members of Junior/Teen Council often participate in regional, state, and national 4-H trips.

This club is currently recruiting new members!



EMERALD ARCHERS

The Emerald Archers will be meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Lyndhurst Community Center. This club consists of teens and young adults in 5th to 12th grade. This club focuses on leadership, archery skills, and sound decision making. This club is not accepting new members at this time.



STEM AMBASSADORS

6 students in 8th to 10th grade from Passaic County were selected to participate in Summer Science Kick-Off Week at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. A total of 63 youth from around New Jersey were selected to participate. During Summer Science, these students spent a week on campus and learned to become STEM Ambassadors.

During the week, they met with scientists and engineers, and explored Rutgers campuses. They stayed overnight in the Starky Apartments and ate at the Douglass Dining Hall like college students. The new STEM Ambassadors were given a tour of Rutgers Farm. They were able to explore the research labs in the greenhouses and the Center for Ocean Observing Leadership. They were also able to spend an entire morning in Rutgers Gardens and a whole afternoon at the Math and Science Learning Center.

STEM Ambassadors meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Clifton Public Library. This club is accepting new members



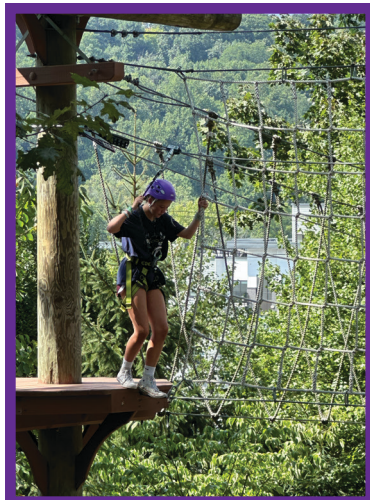
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

To end the summer, Essex and Passaic County 4-H hosted the 2nd annual Outdoor Adventure Camp. This is a 5-day camp that encourages youth to connect with the outdoors and to explore their own leadership styles. Every morning, 4-Hers would participate in team building and leadership activities, and then they would go on an afternoon adventure. 4-Her's learned about their personal leadership style and participated in teambuilding challenges. They also learned how to work as a group and talk through complex problems.

The afternoon adventures included TreeTop Adventure Ropes Course, canoeing on the Passaic River, and hiking around Essex and Passaic County Parks. We splashed around in the water at South Mountain and caught frogs at the Essex Environmental Center.

4-Her's also lended a helping hand! They assisted at the Essex Environmental Center with helping to put fresh mulch in the Lenape Learning Area, and they helped to pull weeds from the learning garden. The week ended with a campfire and s'mores. 4-Her's reflected on what they learned this week and how they would use these skills for the upcoming school year.

Thank you to the awesome Mr. David for leading us on a canoe ride and in community service activities. Thank you to the incredible Mr. Dan for driving the van and keeping us all on track! We would be lost without your leadership.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Everyone Can Create at the Clifton Public Library

Youth in kindergarten to 3rd grade used technology to spark their creativity. They explored their creative side using iPads. 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. This program was provided through the Apple Community Education Initiative



Self-Portrait by Angela



PopArt by Emma



PopArt by Aiden



Landscape by Alexander

Animal Science at Memorial Day Nursery

Youth in pre-school to 6th grade at Memorial Day Nursery Summer Camp learned all about animal science this summer. Each week youth would focus on a different animal and learn about the characteristics, and care of different animals including rabbits, dogs, and chickens. Youth were able to meet Seeing Eye puppies in training and learn about what it takes for a puppy to become a service dog.



Join Passaic County 4-H at
PAWS IN THE PARK

Saturday,
October 19th
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Goffle Brook Park
 Hawthorne, NJ

Scan the QR code or follow the link to sign up
<https://go.rutgers.edu/jdy1r7h6>

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FALL GARDENERS' CONTEST

ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH & ADULT DIVISIONS:
GARDENING, ART & FOOD CATEGORIES

DROP OFF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
SHOWCASE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
AT ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, GARIBALDI HALL, ROSELAND NJ

\$-CASH PRIZES-\$

[HTTPS://ESSEX.NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU/4H/YOUTH/FAIRS/](https://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/youth/fairs/)

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HUDSON COUNTY FALL FEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH @ 1PM-3PM
AT THE LINCOLN PARK 4-H LEARNING GARDENS

SEED SAVING
 WATCH A DEMONSTRATION, LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SEED KEEPING FOR BIODIVERSITY, AND TAKE HOME SEEDS YOU SAVED!

COMPOST DEMO
 LEARN ABOUT OUR GARDEN'S COMPOST SYSTEM AND CHAT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF COMPOSTING! BRING YOUR OWN FOOD SCRAPS!

HERBAL OILS
 LEARN ABOUT THE MEDICINAL AND HEALTH BENEFITS OF HERBS, THEIR USES, AND TAKE HOME YOUR OWN HERBAL BODY OIL!

CHAT ABOUT 4-H
 INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH HUDSON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS? COME CHAT!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 28TH** **September 28th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**
SEPT MCF Fall Fest at Montclair Community Farm
- 29TH** **September 29th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**
SEPT Essex Fall Festival at Garibaldi Hall in Roseland, NJ
- 19TH** **October 19th - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**
OCT Paws in the Park at Goffle Brook Park in Hawthorne, NJ
- 6TH** **December 6th - 7:00pm to 9:00 pm**
DEC Passaic County 4-H Awards Night at Public Safety Academy in Wayne, NJ

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National 4-H Website: www.4-h.org

Passaic County 4-H Instagram: [@PassaicCounty4H](https://www.instagram.com/PassaicCounty4H)

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