



HUNTERDON 4-H HAPPENINGS



A FEW WORDS...

Congratulations! The hard work you have put into your clubs and projects is ready to be exhibited at our largest event of the year – the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair! This will be my first time participating in the Hunterdon Fair and I am eager to see the dedication you have given to your projects and the accumulation of your 4-H year all in one place, but please be patient as I learn your traditions. The fair is not possible without the support, work, and dedication of countless people, including yourself.

We need the continued help from all our 4-H families throughout the week to make it a smooth-running, family-friendly event. Whether this is your first or last year, I invite you to take an active role in our longstanding county tradition by engaging with fair attendees. The fair is not just for us, but also for those that support us in and around the county and state. Please remember you are representing all of 4-H at the fair and your character makes a difference in how the program is perceived. Please encourage others to join 4-H! Our program is ready to grow, and we need your help to promote the clover! I wish you all the best at the fair and look forward to learning and working with all of you for my first Hunterdon County Fair!

2024 HORSE JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY

The 2024 Horse Judging & Hippology contest took place on April 6 and 7 in Salem County. The weekend event saw 15 Cloverbuds, 39 Juniors, and 19 Seniors display their skills and horse knowledge. Congratulations to Lela Backer and Allison Chittenden for placing in the top 10 for several Senior Hippology events!

2024 DAIRY JUDGING

State 4-H Dairy Judging also took place on May 4 at Dark Horse Farm in Perkasie, PA in conjunction with FFA and Bucks County 4-H. Congratulations to Cheyenne Young for placing in the top 10 in the Junior Division, to Annabelle Majorossy and Chloe Roell for placing in the top 10 for the Senior Division, and to Carlee Roell who took 1st place Overall in the Senior Division!



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4-H MISSION STATEMENT

THE RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM USES A LEARN BY DOING APPROACH TO ENABLE YOUTH TO DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND SKILLS THEY NEED TO BECOME COMPETENT, CARING, AND CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

THE MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY USING KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES OF THE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, ALONG WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF CARING ADULTS.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

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Exhibitor cards can start to be picked up.

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Deadline for Overnight Herdspeople to be submitted for Rutgers Protection of Minors Training. All adults 18 and over must complete this training and a background check.

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Deadline to submit for an excused absence letter if the Fair coincides with school schedules. Email hunterdon4h@njaes.rutgers.edu with the school name, contact person, email at the school, and the dates you will be at the Fair. A letter will be emailed to the school.

Deadline to register your club for a Booth Exhibit. Available on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited.

AUGUST

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Overnight Herspersion forms and photo due to the 4-H Office.

Completed schedule of Overnight Herdspeople due. Each animal project area must submit a schedule of family herdspeople who will be on duty each night, Tuesday-Saturday. Two family units per club will be allowed to stay as family herdspeople as well as extra adults.

Event Permission Forms for Youth and Event Release/Agreement Forms for Adults due for all 4-H Youth participating in any Fair related activities, shows, events, and Fairground Clean-up dates, as well as leaders and parents staying overnight as Herdspeople.

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*Ramsburg Building open for clubs to set up booths: **2 pm-6 pm***

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*Ramsburg Building open for clubs to set up booths: **9 am-6 pm***

19-20

Ramsburg Building open for clubs to set up booths: 9 am-10 pm

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Check in for animals being exhibited at the Fair. All members should check with their club leader for the arrival time of their project animals.

Exhibitor Meeting at 8:00 pm at the main stage. You will receive important last minute announcements, barn signs, Funny Money, and safety procedures. All herdspeople and exhibitors are expected to attend.

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Club Booths must be up and ready to be judged by 10 am.

Club Parade: 4:40 pm line up at 4-H Headquarters

Fair Opening Ceremony: 5 pm at the Main Stage

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Novice Round Robin: 7:00 pm, Sheep Show Ring

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*Livestock barns/tents close at 8:30 pm
Fireworks at dark*

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4-H Fun Night: 7:00 pm, Dog Show Ring

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Cloverbud Shows: 11:00 am, Goat Barn

Round Robin: 3:00 pm, Livestock Show Ring

Fair break-down: 5:00 pm

5 pm: Ramsburg Building closed to public and 4-H (except for club members in 4-H Family Consumer Science and Open Home Arts Show)

5:30 pm: Pick up only for arts/craft/sewing/photography/needlework

5:45 pm: Ramsburg Building open for 4-H booth removal

6:30 pm: Small Animal cages start arriving

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After Fair Clean-up: 5-7 pm

HUNTERDON COUNTY

4-H FAIR



August 21-25, 2024

ROGER EVERITT FAIRGROUNDS

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

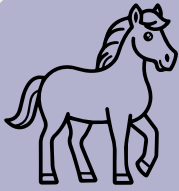
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Livestock Health & Safety

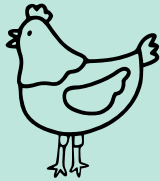
Animal Health Forms

All livestock shown at the fair will need to have a vet inspection. Livestock Animal Health Certificates (AHC) and more information can be found [here](#).



Small Animals

Poultry, rabbit, and cavy health forms must be used for all small animals and must be signed by the club leader. In the event of an outbreak of a contagious disease, the state will use restrictions as necessary. Click [here](#) for the regulations regarding your project animal.



Vaccinations

All mammalians that will be exhibited at the Fair must be vaccinated for rabies. The vaccination must be recorded on your AHC by the veterinarian. Non-vaccinated livestock will not be allowed on the grounds. A copy of your AHC must be handed in to your barn supervisor or show superintendent.



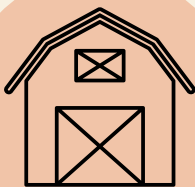
If an Animal Gets Sick

Each barn/tent should provide a name and number of a vet that will agree to be on call during the week of the Fair. The number should be left in a place that is easily accessible by all Herdspeople and Adult Supervisors. If the animal owner is not present, they should be contacted immediately and a vet should be called.



Barn/Manure Clean-up

Each morning between 7:30 and 9:00, there will be a tractor arriving at each livestock area to remove manure from the barns. Herdspeople are responsible for clean-up of the manure and should be ready to load it when the tractor arrives.



Hunterdon County 4-H

FAIR AMBASSADOR

**LOVE
THE
FAIR?**

**AGE
16-21?**

**GREAT
AT PUBLIC
SPEAKING?**

MORE INFO & APPLICATION AVAILABLE HERE!

**WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING
OPENING CEREMONY**



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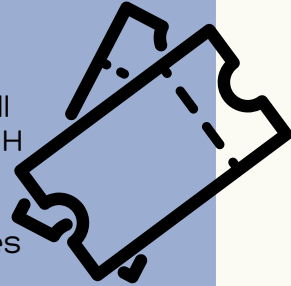
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

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Fair Passes

Each family is entitled to two weekly fair passes, sent out mid-July. They will not be replaced if lost. If a registered 4-H member is driving, they can pick up a pass for their vehicle at the office. Families can get additional daily passes for \$15.



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Exhibitor Entrance

The Exhibitor Entrance is located past the Dairy Barn when coming from Ringoes. The weekly parking passes are good for this entrance. A map and layout can be found [here](#).

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Exhibitor Cards

Exhibitor cards can be picked up at the office after July 1st. They will also be available at the 4-H Headquarters on Tuesday, August 20th.

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Showers and Changing Areas

Showers are located at the 4-H Headquarters. Members can change into show attire there, the horse barn, and the baby changing shed.



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4-H Dress Code

Please do not wear t-shirts with foul language, alcohol, tobacco, or obscene gestures - you are representing 4-H and Hunterdon County. Shorts should be of a good length and tops should adhere to the two-finger rule. Wear safe shoes to the fair - work boots or sneakers. If you are not wearing appropriate clothing/shoes, you will be sent home immediately.



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING BARN DECORATING AWARD

Livestock barns and tents will be judged on overall Good Housekeeping, which will include safety, cleanliness, herdsman, and decorations. The overall Good Housekeeping traveling plaque has been donated by 4-H Alumnus Chris Sauer. The plaque, as well as monetary awards, will be given at Achievement Night. Let's do our part to keep the barns looking their best throughout the week!

1st Place - \$50	4th Place - \$35
2nd Place - \$45	5th Place - \$30
3rd Place - \$40	6th Place - \$25





Families needed for Herdspeople Detail



4-H Herdspeople are members in good standing who exhibit their animals at the Fair. They make sure all animals are taken care of throughout the week of the Fair and help keep all tools and equipment put away and clean up within the tack areas. There are Overnight and Daytime Herdspeople. All club members are Daytime Herdspeople.



Important Links

[2024 Herdspeople Information](#)
[Herdspeople Duties Overnight & Daytime](#)

Overnight

- [Overnight Herdspeople Agreement](#)
- [Adult Overnight Herdspeople Agreement](#)

Daytime

- [Daytime Herdspeople Agreement](#)



Please note: All adults 18 and over must be submitted for Rutgers Protection of Minors Training and background check by July 15. Training must be completed to stay overnight at the Fair.

Clubs are encouraged to put up a booth in the Ramsburg Building. You may follow the theme or come up with one of your own. Please register with the office. Space is limited!

Your club is responsible for bringing any equipment and supplies needed to set up your booth. You may use any type of materials to cover the walls, but painting is not permitted.

RAMSBURG BUILDING INFORMATION

This year's 4-H Theme is:
You've Got a Friend in 4-H

Please see the schedule for booth set-up dates and breakdown procedure for the Ramsburg Building.

The Ramsburg Building will be supervised by the Family Consumer Science Clubs. Each club is responsible for set up, clean up, and tent sitting. Check with your leader for when your club will be filling duties.



2024 HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H
& AGRICULTURAL FAIR

RIDE TICKET SALES

We are in need of volunteers to sell ride tickets during the Fair. You will have a choice of working inside the ticket booth or putting on wrist bands outside the booth.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Please note: Each club is asked to send at least two volunteers to sell tickets. Must be 18 or older.

PRESENTING...

4-H CLUBS ON THE
**MAIN
STAGE!**

**PROMOTE
YOUR CLUB!**

BRING YOUR ANIMALS, WEAR
YOUR CLUB SHIRTS, AND SHOW
OFF YOUR PROJECTS!

CONTACT DR. D ENTERTAINMENT AT
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CLUB NEWS

Hunterdon Hoppers

Hunterdon Hoppers have been busy this spring. During our March meeting we had three presentations. The first was Ashley Vanatta's, who did a presentation on Juvenile Diabetes. The second was Lindsay Chudy's presentation about Dreams. The last was Madi Kinney's about Rabbit Agility. During the month, Ashley Vanatta ran a service project for Easter Basket supplies and after the March meeting we put the Easter Baskets together. We held a club rabbit toy workshop. It was led by Ashley Vanatta, Lindsay Chudy, and Madi Kinney. The club members who went were taught how to make toys and treats for their rabbits to enjoy. For Easter, Julia Pacifico, Caroline Pacifico, Bentley Haxton, and Oliver Haxton took their rabbits to Village Photo Studio for people to take Easter pictures with. Julia Pacifico, Caroline Pacifico, Ashley Vanatta, Madison Strauss, and Emma Cresap decorated the bulletin board in the extension center for the month of March. March was also county presentation month. Emma Cresap, Ashley Vanatta, Lindsey Chudy, Bentley Haxton, Caroline Pacifico, Julia Pacifico, Leah Batchellor, Madison Strauss and Madi Kinney all did presentations at County.

During our April meeting, Oliver Haxton did a presentation on choosing a rabbit. Bentley Haxton, Oliver Haxton, and Elizabeth Camas-Baumle each brought rabbits to the Earth Day Fair at Echo Creek Park. We taught the public about rabbits and introduced new people to 4-H. Bentley Haxton also took a collection for the shelter Animal Alliance in Lambertville; he collected dog and cat supplies over the month of April. In May our club was very involved in the antique fair. Oliver Haxton, Julie Pacifico, Caroline Pacifico and Ashley Vanatta volunteered to spend their time helping at the fair. Bentley Haxton, Oliver Haxton, Julia Pacifico, Caroline Pacifico, Lindsay Chudy, and Ashley Vanatta baked goods to sell at the fair as well. Now that summer is coming, we are getting excited for the fair and the baby rabbits we are breeding for the fair.

Kick Butt Kids

Our 4-H club, the Kick Butt Kids Goat club, just had the most amazing month! We had a cool and informational lesson on how to birth baby goats. Then, for Earth Day, we attended a fun celebration with other 4 H clubs. But, my favorite event was a special talk by Dr. Tess Stahl from Rutgers University, who shared fascinating insights about goat nutrition. These past few months have been really informative and fun, and with summer and the fair fast approaching, I'm sure that things will only get more exciting from here.

S.A.V.E.

Our last few months at SAVE (Student Adventures in Veterinary Experiences) have been wonderful. At some of our meetings, several members gave club presentations about different aspects of veterinary care and different diseases, sharing knowledge and information that really broadened our understanding of veterinary care. One of the highlights was brainstorming ideas for our beloved Country Fair. Everyone was buzzing with excitement as we discussed potential new activities, different items to sell, our checkup at the beginning of the fair, and a booth. It's clear that SAVE has a lot planned, and I can't wait to see all our ideas come to life!

Fur 'n Feathers

Fur 'n Feathers has been working hard with planning for the 2024 Hunterdon County Fair. In addition, we are planning on participating in the renewed NJ State Avian Bowl in September. We participated in Earth Day and will be attending the Hunterdon County Community Day event on June 8. Our members are learning a lot about their animals. Our club has been growing into a big family and look forward to all the adventures in the future.

Spot on Shooters

It was a busy Spring season for Spot On Shooters! Members participated in a variety of Shooting Sports activities. In March we had our annual Presentation Day, filled with great presentations on amazing topics. Members did an awesome job speaking in front of our 4-H families.

On April 7, Spot On Shooters hosted the NJ State Junior Shotgun match. This was the first time a Junior Shotgun match was held. It went well and everyone had fun. Jake placed 2nd in the event. Next, Ciera, Cole, Jaiden, and Mason attended the NJ State Junior Archery Match on April 13 in Berkeley Township. The very next day we sent 3 shotgun teams to the Deadeyes Lehigh Sporting Clays fundraiser. Max's and Sawyer's team won first place in the event and Sawyer was the high scoring senior member. The activities continued as Mr. Schafer and Max assisted at the NJ State Junior Air Rifle match on April 20.

The pace didn't slow down in May! We participated in the Shooting Sports Invitational at Farmers Sportsman Club on May 4. Our club's instructors ran the shotgun station and Mr. Slecza assisted at the 3-D archery station. It was a memorable day filled with fun activities. The Shooting Sports Trivia station was a real favorite and tested our knowledge with "sweet" rewards! Our Invitational participants were Max, Sawyer, and Jake. They came home with lots of medals for their high scores in 3-D archery, Air Rifle Games, and Archery Games.

On May 11, many members and families attended the NJ 4-H Shooting Sports Banquet. Senior and Junior Match participants were recognized, the new Shooting Sports Ambassador was announced, Nationals participants were recognized, and special club awards were presented. Max and Sawyer were named recipients of the Green Clover Award. Mrs. Liedl and Mr. Slecza were named recipients of the Make the Best Better award.

On June 9, our club is celebrating our 10th year Anniversary with a PotLuck/Pool party. At our June club meeting we'll celebrate our 2024 graduating senior members, Max and Sawyer. Moving forward we'll be busy planning our fair booth and looking forward to the fair.

Round Valley Riders

The Round Valley Riders have been super busy this spring. We started off in March with our pancake breakfast to raise money for the LandSafe Clinic. The two day clinic took place the first weekend of June and was hosted by Keli Warrington who is both a gymnast and an accomplished rider, and Danny Warrington who is a former jockey and three-day eventer. The girls learned about rider safety, how to prevent a fall, and what to do if and when a fall occurs through various simulators and gymnastics.

The Pink Ladies have also been hard at work practicing for the fair this year. The girls hosted Evolve Pink at one of their practices and spoke to the women about who they are and why they ride. At the end of the practice, the women of Evolve Pink were invited to have breakfast and meet the horses, and each woman was given a handmade bracelet and hand painted cowgirl boot to remember this special day.

The Pink Ladies were also invited to be the guest speakers at the Princeton Agricultural Society dinner in May. The girls gave a presentation about themselves as well as who the Pink Ladies are, how they started, and all of the work that they do to raise money and awareness for breast cancer patients. The team will continue to practice and cannot wait to perform at both the Warren County and Hunterdon County 4-H Fairs.

Next up the Round Valley Riders will begin prepping for the fair... We can't wait to see you all there!!

Mt. Airy Dairy

We had a very busy spring with the Presentations, Symposium and Dairy Bowl. The senior members did very well at Dairy Bowl and our junior team did well also. We also did a video for the 4-H Animal Science Video Contest. On May 4th some of the members participated in the Judging Contest. We did very well and it was a fun day. Now, we are all getting ready for the fair and working with our animals. Our club is going to be at Hunterdon County Community Day on June 8th to promote 4-H and our club.

Jr. Leaders

At March's meeting we potted plants for Meals On Wheels. We filled cups with potting mix and planted flowers. During the April meeting we had a representative from Grow-A-Row come and talk to the club about different volunteering programs they have. Special thanks to Grow-A-Row for your time and different learning opportunities. In May, Jr Leaders portered for the Antique Show. They helped vendors set up and put items away. At this past meeting we enjoyed ice cream outside and talked about our next meetings called the "Mystery Ride" and our following "Progressive Picnic". In addition, we formed our soda committee for the fair. Come visit your Jr Leaders in the soda trailer at the fair..... We can't wait to see you there!!

Deadeyes

This year, the Hunterdon Deadeyes demonstrated their hard work and dedication by participating in numerous shooting matches in archery, shotgun, and air rifle categories. All of the participants did an outstanding job. On May 4th, many of our members came together for the annual Shooting Sports Invitational. This event brought together Shooting Sports clubs from all over New Jersey to compete in archery, air rifle, and shotgun games. Participants were mixed with members from other clubs, allowing everyone to get to know each other better. It was a fun-filled day, and many are already looking forward to next year's event. The performances in matches from both the current and previous years. Additionally, clubs from across the state gathered to celebrate at the New Jersey Shooting Sports Banquet that was hosted by the Hunterdon County Clubs, The Deadeyes, and Spot On Shooters. We are proud to announce that our very own Katie Fleck was selected as New Jersey's Shooting Sports Ambassador, and she was formally congratulated that evening. Lastly, our club will be undertaking a service project for the fair, creating sandwich boards.