

2017 Mercer County 4-H Events List

***All Clubs & Club Members are EXPECTED to attend!**

PUBLIC PRESENTATION WORKSHOP ----- AS REQUESTED

Does public speaking make you feel uneasy? Are you new to 4-H and Public Presentations?

Have you given lots of club presentations, but never performed on the county level?

If so, this event is for you! Request a workshop for one of your club meetings.

RECORD BOOK & CLUB OFFICER TRAINING-----AS REQUESTED

Come learn how to tackle your record books in a fun & effective way! Get instruction on all parts

of your record book & ideas on how to write your '4-H Story.' Record books are due at THE

FAIR & PRIZES ARE AWARDED AT ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT. All officers are asked to participate to learn more about their position. Request a workshop for one of your club meetings.

TEEN WINTER CAMP ----- FRI-SUN, JANUARY 20-22

All Mercer County 4-H Teens (8th grade and up) are invited to join teens from around the state at

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County, NJ for a fun & frosty weekend!

Snow tube or sit by the fire and sip hot chocolate, it's up to you...**(transportation provided)**

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES - FEB. 18 (SOUTH) & MARCH 18 (NORTH)

Discover the Leader in You! Regional Leadership Conferences for 4-H members in grades 6-8 will be held February 18 (South) and March 18 (North). Youth will have fun, meet new friends, and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can use at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community.

SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE----- MARCH 10-12

Join teens (8th grade and up) from Mercer County, and 10 other southern NJ counties, to participate in leadership and citizenship building activities! Many different workshops are offered, and you get to pick what interests you most! Please join us – it is a lot of fun!

4-H SCIENCE SATURDAYS----- March 25 (Physics-Optics)

A great opportunity for 5-8th grade youth to visit Rutgers New Brunswick and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Cook Campus to participate in hands-on activities and learn from RU scientists. <http://4hset.rutgers.edu/on-campus-events/4-h-rutgerscience-saturdays/>

***COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS -----FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

All 4-H members are expected to give public presentations. All standard members (4th grade or above) are encouraged to give presentations at the county level in order to participate in other county and state 4-H events. Any 1st year 4-H members and Cloverbud (K-3rd grade) youth who wish to participate in County Public Presentation may present non-competitively and receive a participation ribbon. Types of presentations include: illustrated talks, demonstrations, performing arts, and formal speeches. 4-H'ers may present on any appropriate topic of their choice.

RUTGERS DAY (AG FIELD DAY AND THE STATE 4-H DOG SHOW) -----APRIL 29

Attend this event with your club or family! Explore the University that keeps NJ 4-H running! This very large university-wide event in New Brunswick includes Ag Field Day (visit the campus farm and animals along with exhibits from all departments) and the State 4-H Dog Show – come join the fun! Visit <http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/>.

SPRING FAMILY WEEKEND-- FRI-SUN, MAY 19-21

Bring your entire family out to join members of the L.G. Cook 4-H Camp staff, as well as other 4-H families from around the state, to take part in a relaxing camp weekend. You have the option of participating in whatever workshops you wish. <http://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/Flyers.html>

4-H ADVENTURES – BAT TRACKING--- FRI MAY 26

6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Rutgers Gardens

We invite people to come to Rutgers University to explore science in the field with researchers. Participants experience field-sampling techniques and engage in hands-on experiences learning alongside RU scientists and engineers.

<http://4hset.rutgers.edu/on-campus-events/4-h-adventures/>

STATE 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ----- JUNE 10

If you do well at County Presentation Night (a score of excellent), you will be invited to participate at states! During the NJ State 4-H Public Presentations you will present your speech at Rutgers University Cook Campus for your peers, the public, and the judges!

This is a great opportunity to hone your presentation skills!

SUMMER 4-H CAMP (7 weeks of camp)---JULY 3 -AUGUST 19

Spend a week of 4-H camp at the beautiful Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education. Seven weeklong sessions are offered from July 3 through August 19.

See www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu for details and registration.

***99th MERCER COUNTY 4-H FAIR --- SAT-SUN, JULY 29-30**

The showcase of the year will be held at lovely Howell Living History Farm. Club involvement starts during fair setup – **Thursday, July 27**. Club displays and project entry continues – **Friday, July 28**. Clubs are to set up a club display in the Fair Theme. Don't miss the potluck dinner, night hike, and campfire also Friday! You, your club, & your family may camp out on Fri. & Sat. nights! Fair is open to the public from 10am-8pm **Saturday, July 29**. The pancake breakfast will be held **Sunday, July 30** and fair festivities are open to the public from 10am-4pm.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ----- SUN-SAT, OCTOBER 1-7

If you are proud to be a part of 4-H, now is the time to 'shout it from the roof tops.' Please let the 4-H Office know what promotional activities your club is planning for this important week!

***ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT ----- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Bring your family for a night of recognition of the excellent work of 4-H members and volunteers over the past year! This potluck event includes a 4-H trivia game with prizes, so come prepared!

4-H 'JUST FOR FUN' NIGHT----FRIDAY, DEC. 1

location to be determined

All 4-H members are encouraged to spend a fun-filled holiday evening together ice skating.

For questions about these events, or to register, contact Altaira at

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Also see <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/events/>.