

2020 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.

STATE 4-H GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA ----- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Come, test your knowledge and learn new things! This event has something to interest everyone, including a mixed-county team poster-presentation contest, eight-station skill-a-thon, team quiz bowl contest, goat-themed art show, ice cream social, and awards ceremony.

A morning workshop will be held for the adult participants. See

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/>.

TEEN WINTER CAMP ----- FRI-SUN, JANUARY 17-19

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. 1 (SOUTH) & MARCH 21 (NORTH)

Discover the Leader in You! Regional Leadership Conferences for 4-H members in grades 6-8 will be held February 1 (South) and March 21 (North). Youth will have fun, meet new friends, and develop leadership and interpersonal skills that they can use at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community.

STATE 4-H RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, HERPETOLOGY & POULTRY EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM --- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Rabbit Hopping Contest, Avian Bowl, Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops, Reptile Workshop, Small Animal Art Show, Small Animal Skill-a-Thon, Animalology Quiz Bowl.

SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE----- FEB 28 – MAR 1

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!

NJ JUNIOR BREEDER SYMPOSIUM ----- SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Take a trip to Rutgers University Cook Campus to explore the campus farm! Participate in equine, dairy cattle, goat, sheep, poultry, and rabbit workshops!

RUTGERS DAY (AG FIELD DAY AND THE STATE 4-H DOG SHOW) ----- APRIL 25

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/>.

***COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ----- FRIDAY, MAY 1**

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.

SPRING FAMILY WEEKEND ----- FRI-SUN, TBD

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>

STATE 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ----- TBD (usually an early Sat. in June)

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 one-week sessions of camp) ----- JULY 6 -AUGUST 22

Spend a week of 4-H camp at the beautiful Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education. See www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu for details and registration.

***102nd MERCER COUNTY 4-H FAIR -- SAT-SUN, AUG 1-2 Fair is open to the public**

The showcase of the year will be held at lovely Howell Living History Farm. Club involvement starts on **Thur., Jul. 30** - Set-up, club displays and project entry. **Fri., Jul 31** - set-up continues, potluck dinner, night hike, and campfire that evening. Overnight Camping for you and your family if you choose on Fri. & Sat. nights. Pancake breakfast Sunday morning.

STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW ----- THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

The NJ State 4-H Goat Show is an exciting event held at the Hunterdon County 4-H Fairgrounds during the County 4-H Fair that promotes the 4-H goat project and sportsmanship among the participants. Companion, fiber, dairy, and meat goat divisions are included.

STATE 4-H RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL & POULTRY SHOW---- SEPT. TBD

4-H members in these project areas exhibit their animals at this annual state event.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ----- FIRST FULL WEEK OF OCT.

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 13**

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

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

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

4-H STEM PROGRAMS AT RUTGERS

There are several 4-H STEM programs held at Rutgers in New Brunswick throughout the year – including 4-H Science Saturdays, 4-H Adventures, and the Teen Science Café. A complete list with more information is available at <https://4hset.rutgers.edu/on-campus-events/>.

For questions about these events, contact Altaira at bejgrowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6830.

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