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Horse Awards

Sunday, Jan. 13 @ 11 am

Reminder to all Horse Clubs & Leaders: bring an entree and side for a family of four, and one donation per person for the food bank.

Family Night

Sat., January 19 @ 5:30-7:30 pm (dinner served at 6 pm)

Register by Jan. 14

The Somerset County 4-H Association will be *servng up some fun & pasta* at this free event for all 4-H Families. New 4-H members will have fun meeting our 4-H families, hearing about other clubs and other 4-H opportunities, beyond the club experience, and enjoying a delicious pasta meal. Experienced 4-H members and leaders will have fun meeting our newer 4-H families and promoting their club/activities and enjoying a delicious pasta meal.

While there is no cost, seating is limited, so RSVP to 4HFamilyNight@gmail.com with family name and number attending. **All participants are asked to bring a donation for the food bank.**

2019 Fair Theme Meetings

Jan. 17 & 24 @ 7 pm

All members are invited to attend two fair theme meetings. On Jan. 17 at 7 pm, we will meet with professional marketing people to discuss what makes a good theme. They will be interested in your ideas as well. On Jan. 24 at 7 pm will be the time to choose the theme based on your ideas and the things you have learned. All members are invited to submit themes to the 4-H office ahead of time.

Teen Winter Camp

Feb. 8-10, 2019

Registration is due Jan. 18

Members in grades 8-13 will have lots of fun at LG Cook Camp. This year, Somerset County will go with teens from Passaic, Sussex & Warren Counties. This is always a popular event, so get your application in NOW! Cost for the whole weekend is only \$85. [Click here for the registration form.](#) Scholarships are available. If you have any questions contact Lisa Rothenburger at rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Food 'n Fun

Sat., Feb. 2 @ 4 pm

Leaders Must Register by Jan. 18

Did you ever want to throw a theme party?

All 4-H Clubs are invited for an evening of good food and lots of fun. All your club has to do is choose a theme, and each member brings in a dish based on that theme. The themes are limited only by your imagination. From there, it's all about presentation, taste, creativity, nutrition, and how well everything works together. Feel free to dress up or decorate to reflect your theme as well.

LEADERS should register by emailing Barb Navatto at Navatto@co.somerset.nj.us by 1/18.

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters 2019 Winter Train Show

Jan. 26 & 27 @ 10 am – 5 pm

Come see 1,000 feet of track, winding past more than 30 unique scenery displays. Kid favorites like Thomas the Tank Engine and The Polar Express, as well as many rare and classic O-scale trains will be there. Play with hands-on play stations and crafts for young children and over 50 vendors and crafters selling various items. Pre-owned train items will also be for sale.

Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. There will be concessions available all day. Proceeds go to Trainmasters' scholarship and rail camp funds. For more information visit www.trainmasters.sc4-h.org or on their Facebook page: Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Events.

Registration for NJTC is Now Available

March 8-10, 2019

Registration Deadline: Wed., Jan. 30

All 4-H members in grades 8 – 13 are invited participate in the 12th annual **North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference**. Join your fellow 4-Hers from the Northern NJ counties for a weekend long teen conference that will be held **March 8-10, 2019** at the Regency House Hotel in Pompton Plains, NJ.

Registration can be found at <http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-NJTC-Youth-Registration-PACKET.pdf>. In addition, you must register through your 4Honline account.

You must return your registration paperwork and payment by Jan 30. You can either print all the info from your 4Honline account or fill out the paper registration and bring that. In addition, you must register through their 4Honline account, but you do not need to upload your paperwork to 4H online IF you turn it all it with your payment.

Presentation Workshop

Wednesday Feb. 6 @ 7-8:15

Learn fun tips and strategies to make your presentation worthy of a blue ribbon! What are the judges watching? What does your audience want to hear? Find out how to make your presentation entertaining as well as educational. It's not as daunting as it sounds! Open to all standard 4-H members. Register by emailing Barb Navatto at Navatto@co.somerset.nj.us by 2/11.

4-H Discount for State Theater Show

Feb. 7 @ 8 pm

The State Theatre has provided a 4-H promotional code for 20% off discount available for the upcoming February 7th 8 pm Expressive Arts 4-H Show with dancer Savion Glover. [Click here](#) see the flyer indicating the Rutgers 4-H promotional code to use towards the purchase of tickets. Savion Glover is an amazing dancer; seeing him do his magic would be a joy for anyone to experience

Tufts University Summer Program for Aspiring Veterinarians

Do you know an aspiring veterinarian? [Adventures in Veterinary Medicine](#) (AVM) is a fun and engaging career exploration program for middle and high school students who are interested in pursuing a veterinary career. We invite your 4-H youth to apply to AVM and discover if this exciting career is right for them!

AVM attendees will explore the wide variety of opportunities available within veterinary medicine and see first-hand what attending veterinary school is *really* like. Sessions include lectures by Tufts faculty and vet students, interesting laboratories, demonstrations, and hands-on activities with animals.

Applications for summer 2019 are now available! For more information on the program, including dates, eligibility, and tuition please [visit the AVM website](#) or contact us at AVM@tufts.edu.

LCD Projectors at the 4-H Center

There are now LCD projectors available for clubs to use during their meetings at the 4-H Center. Projectors cannot leave the building. Please sign them out with Gloria.