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**The Prep Lego Club is accepting new members. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 6-7pm in the lounge of the 4-H Center. If you are interested in joining this club please contact the leader at [soumya80@gmail.com](mailto:soumya80@gmail.com).**

### **Carnival Planning Meeting**

**THIS THURSDAY, March 14 @ 7:30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the conference room. All 4-H'ers (members, parents, volunteers) are welcome!

**Attention all 4-H Clubs:** Please let the carnival planning committee know if your club will be participating in the carnival or not, and what activity you will be doing. Email: [4hfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:4hfamily@hotmail.com). Be sure to include any special requests (electricity, lawn or pavement, near water, etc.). The carnival will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. Volunteers are needed!

### **NJ Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ Rutgers Cook Campus**

**Registration is Due by THIS FRIDAY - March 15**

All members of poultry, small animal, sheep, goat, dairy, beef and horse clubs can learn about important topics at this event. Our own Branchburg Beef Dairy and Livestock Club is running a Skillathon the first session. Club leader Joanne Powell is doing a Beef Evaluation (Judging) class in the afternoon. The film festival has something for everyone. For a list of topics, plus the registration form, [click here](#).

### **A Delicious Discussion with Julia Meier**

**THIS FRIDAY - March 15, 7 pm @ 4-H Center Conference Room**

4-H Alum and leader, Julia Meier will discuss her experiences as a student of Costume Tech at Mason Gross School of the Arts, including her semester in the costume department at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London.

All 4-H members and families are invited to enjoy delicious desserts and a hot cup of tea served during the presentation! **If you have an interest in sewing, theatre, costuming, creativity, and/or related careers, we hope you will join us!** This FREE program is sponsored by the *Pins and Needles, Sew it Seems, and The Clover Ensemble*. RSVP's are helpful, but not necessary: [hookcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:hookcookbook@gmail.com).

### **Diversity Event for Teens**

**Saturday, March 30, 5:30-9:30 pm**

**@ 4-H Center**

**Registration is Due by THIS FRIDAY - March 15**

The Somerset County Youth Council is sponsoring an event for teens in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade titled, **“Diversity Isn’t Just About Black or White”**. Admission is \$2 per person. Refreshments and giveaways are provided. There will be a three ½ hours certificate of Community Service Learning awarded to participants. Space is limited to the first 150 teens. [Click here](#) for the flyer with a registration link.

### **4-H Science-sational Day**

**April 6**

**Registration is Due by March 23**

Youth in grades 1-5 are invited to the 4-H Center to explore new ideas, put their designs to the test, and discover a new love for science. Each workshop track offers participants hands-on experiences that explore science concepts. All workshops are taught by volunteers with a passion for sharing their love for science with youth. **Registration is required and due by March 23**. Packet with online registration link: [Click here](#).

### **Family Night**

**Rescheduled for March 23**

**Doors open at 5:30 pm**

Great news...it’s back on! More great news... it’s still free! Come and enjoy a FREE dinner compliments of the Somerset County 4-H Association. Games and prizes! Enjoy a great evening with your 4-H family and friends. And, did we mention, it’s FREE? Well, it is.

Please register via Google Form at <https://goo.gl/forms/PPer67Udmdph4TyQ2> (even if you registered before) by **March 18** (so we know how much to cook). Questions can be sent to [4hfamilynight@gmail.com](mailto:4hfamilynight@gmail.com).

### **Prep Rally**

**Saturday, April 13, 9:45 am – 1:30 pm**

**Registration has been extended to March 29**

This year’s Prep Rally theme is Astronomy. The four workshops will be

- Phases of the Moon with Oreo’s
- Moon Rocks
- Star Lab
- The Constellations

All registered 4-H members can bring a non- 4-H friend of prep age, for the cost of \$10.00. Registered Prep members are free. Registration packets can be obtained at <http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/wp-content/uploads/registration-form.pdf> or at the 4-H Center. Any questions please contact Lisa Darby at [darby@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:darby@co.somerset.nj.us). We're also looking for teens of high school age to help with Prep Rally. Anyone interested please contact Lisa Darby.

## **Somerset County Wellness Committee presents "5K Race to Wellness"**

**Saturday, March 30**

The Somerset County Wellness Committee and EmPoWER Somerset are pleased to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Race to Wellness and 1 mile Fun Walk. These events will take place at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater, NJ. The 5K Race will begin at 9:00 am followed by the Fun Walk at 9:05 am.

ENTRY FEE:

- Students (Age 19 and under): \$20.00
- Senior Citizens (Age 60 and over): \$20.00
- All Others: \$30.00
- SAME DAY REGISTRATION: \$40.00

Proceeds of the race benefit Somerset County non-profit organizations, including EmPoWER Somerset, Somerset County 4-H and Somerset County Tourism. [Click here](#) to sign up.

## **National 4-H Congress**

**Applications are Due by April 1**

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It is a national leadership conference held each year over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend (Friday - Tuesday), currently held at the Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. For over 95 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth with a quality educational and cross-cultural experience.

The program is built upon the Cooperative Extension System's belief that young people can be significant partners in addressing the issues that face our nation, especially those affecting youth. Each year a National Design Team of Extension Educators, 4-H youth and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines special presentations, seminars, discussion groups and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present current and timely information. New Jersey sends a delegation of approximately twelve to fifteen 4-H members. plus chaperones.

[Click here to download the application.](#)

## **Scholarship Applications**

**Applications are Due by April 1**

If you are a high school senior or first year freshman in college, don't forget to view the 4-H scholarship applications online, visit: <http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/4-h-awards-scholarships> . Almost all of the 4-H scholarships are due in the office by April 1. Many of the scholarships require a letter from a 4-H Volunteer. Late or incomplete applications are NOT accepted, or considered. **New this year, the Klimas Scholarship is open to 4-H members who are seniors in High School planning to major in Education, as well as any 4-H Somerset County alum in college majoring in Education.**