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### **Yearbook Booster and Fair Sponsorship Sales**

**Changes to the Yearbook and Catalog - New for 2019**

**Booster Sales Ends May 31**

**Sponsorship Sale Ends July 1**

**The 4-H Yearbook** will now be online and in color! You will have the option to print or purchase from an online vendor, with some of the proceeds returning to the 4-H Association. It will be a Yearbook only; focusing on the members, leaders and activities of the 4-H Program. 4-H families will sell Booster Messages to friends and family to support the 4-H Fair.

**No more catalog?** Nope! 4-H Families will sell Fair Sponsorships beginning at \$50. These sponsors will be listed on the 4-H Website and on an Electronic Sign at the Fair. The higher the sponsorship, greater the rewards. We have spoken to several of our regular ad customers and they are excited to have their businesses advertised in a much more visible manner.

**And prizes for selling?** The same as before, only now 4-H'ers and 4-H Clubs will have the opportunity to sell much higher priced Sponsorships as well as Yearbook Booster Messages and receive bigger rewards in return.

Hard copies will be coming to your mailbox soon. In the meantime click here to download the [sales packet](#). Track all ad sales and your own progress at: <https://somerset4h.arantius.com/>.

**All members are invited to come to the 4-H Center to work on the Yearbook!**

This year **every club is invited to create their own club page**. Each club page must include the name of the club, description of what the club does, club roster and photos from throughout the year.

This is an opportunity to learn more about how to publish a yearbook and have the experience of working with a professional graphic designer. Becky Moore will guide each member as they create their own club page, using their own photographs.

**Tuesday 5/21 - Green Room 7-8 pm**  
**Friday 5/31 - Lounge 7-8 pm**  
**Thursday 6/6 - Large Conference Room 7-8 pm**

Each club is encouraged to send a representative(s) to one of the meetings to work on their page. If your club does not wish to participate in this process, you may still submit club photos and a page will be designed for you. **Please RSVP for a meeting or submit photos to [YearbookPhotos@somersetcounty4h.org](mailto:YearbookPhotos@somersetcounty4h.org).**

### **Family Camp Weekend**

**Friday, May 31– Sunday, June 2**

**WILL ACCEPT REGISTRATION UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

If you've ever been to camp, here's your chance to relive those times spent boating, making crafts, participating in archery, singing around the campfire, hiking, eating in the dining hall and renewing old friendships. If you've never been to camp before, join us and find out how much fun it is!

This is a special time for our Somerset County 4-H families to enjoy a weekend at the beautiful L.G. Cook 4-H Camp, located in Stokes State Forest, Branchville NJ. Bring your family, your club, and any 4-H ember. You're bound to have a great time! The cost is \$60.00 per person and includes everything; food, lodging and fun! Register by May 15!!!!

You can find the registration packet online at <http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/wp-content/uploads/Camp-Brochure.Registration.2019.pdf> or you can obtain one from the office or 4-H Center Lobby. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Darby at [darby@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:darby@co.somerset.nj.us).

### **Raise Your Hand for New Jersey Youth**

**Raise Your Hand by May 15**

You can help support the youth in our community by raising your hand! Vote now and the NJ 4-H program could win \$5K, \$10K or \$20K to help more young people do, learn and grow!!! Ask your family and friends to raise their hand for kids in our community at [4-H.org/RaiseYourHand](http://4-H.org/RaiseYourHand). **VOTE FOR NJ NOW.**

## **Fair Planning Meeting**

**May 22 @ 7:30 pm**

All members, leaders and parents welcome! *New leaders are especially encouraged to attend.* We will answer any questions you may have about Fair policies and procedures and discuss the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved. We'll talk about traffic and parking, security and safety, and activities and opportunities at the Fair.

## **Arts & Science Tent Leaders Meeting**

**May 29 @ 7:00 pm**

## **Outstanding 4-Her Application**

**Application Due by June 3, 2019**

If you have completed the junior year in high school by June 30 of this year and be currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program. Criteria for selection includes: leadership, participation, community service, personal growth, and contribution to the program.

4-H'ers may be nominated for this award by adult volunteers, or may self-nominate; however a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader or a Somerset County adult volunteer is required. Recommendations may be emailed to the office (SomersetCounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us), accompany this application in a sealed envelope, or mailed to the Somerset County 4-H Office

Applications can be found at <http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/opportunities-teen-members/>

## **NJ 4-H International Camp United Program**

**Application due June 17**

**Aug. 18-24, 2019**

Join youth from Russia, Azerbaijan, Italy, and Austria for a week of fun. Learn about leadership and global citizenship while enjoying the great outdoors at the NJ State 4-H Camp.

Open to youth in grades 9-13. Cost: \$450. Includes five nights lodging, meals, snacks, program supplies and camp activities. *Youth must attend with a chaperone. Chaperones must be a registered 4-H volunteer by June 1.* Chaperone cost - \$200 with less than five youth; FREE - with every 5-10 youth registrations. For more information, contact Alayne Torretta, Warren County 4-H Agent at 908-475-6502. Registration info will be on the website soon.

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Safe Food Handling Class- Cancelled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Linda Conley to be put on a list for future classes. [lconley@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:lconley@co.somerset.nj.us)

### **Celebrating Greens**

**Tuesday, May 21 @ 1:00—3:00 pm or 7:00—9:00 pm**

**Register by Friday, May 17, 2019**

Learn about a variety of greens and their health benefits. Help to prepare and taste kale salad, sauté swiss chard, stir fried bok choy and more. Fee is \$10. Register by Friday, May 17, 2019 Pre-register by emailing [lconley@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:lconley@co.somerset.nj.us), call 908-526-6295 or online at: [goo.gl/Ke3MFD](http://goo.gl/Ke3MFD).

### **Home Food Preservation: Freezing and Drying**

**Thursday, May 23 @ 1:00—3:00 pm or 6:30—9:00 pm**

**Register by Monday, May 20**

Learn safe and easy freezing methods for vegetables and fruit and how to dehydrate herbs, vegetables & fruit, including using a food dehydrator. Participants will make freezer jam and take home a jar. Fee \$10. Register by Monday, May 20. Pre-register by emailing [lconley@co.somerset.nj](mailto:lconley@co.somerset.nj), calling 908-526-6295 or online at [goo.gl/yPAUzF](http://goo.gl/yPAUzF).

## **Rutgers Master Gardener of Somerset County Program Announces New Classes for 2019-2020**

**Registration Due May 31**

Applications to become a Rutgers Master Gardener of Somerset County are now being accepted until May 31. Classes will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) of Somerset County Office, located at 310 Milltown Rd. in Bridgewater once a week on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm from mid-September through March. The program is open to all Somerset County residents.

Course work includes plant propagation, soils and fertilizers, botany, plant identification, native plants, diagnosing plant problems, pest management, pruning, lawn care, annuals and perennials, tree and shrub care, fruits and berries, vegetable gardens and much more. The program also requires community service in such areas as the Garden Helpline, Children's Programs, Public Outreach Events, Extension activities and events throughout the year.

There is a \$250 program fee, which covers a Master Gardener Handbook, soil test kit and 60+ hours of training. Those interested in joining the program can call 908-526-6293, option 4. For more information or to download the application, visit

<http://somenset.njaes.rutgers.edu/garden>.