

2025 4-H Fair Guide

**Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
Department of 4-H Youth Development**

East Freehold Showgrounds

July 23 - 27

Wed – Fri: 4pm - 11pm

Saturday: 11am - 11pm

Sunday: 11am - 6pm

**For all fair forms and how to
submit please visit our website:**



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Agent's Message

Monmouth 4-H!

Welcome to the 2025 Monmouth County Fair – the 50th held at the East Freehold Showgrounds!

For some of our 4-H families, this is their first Monmouth Fair! There are others who have been to all fifty of the previous fairs held at the East Freehold Showgrounds (including our 2020 virtual fair)!! And there are a small handful reading this who have been involved with Monmouth 4-H programs so long they can remember when the annual summer fair was held at the race-track!!!

Whether this is your first or fiftieth (or longer!!) fair, I hope you'll all agree there is something special about the Monmouth Fair.

There is a sense of camaraderie, of fellowship., of family. In many ways, Monmouth 4-H is a place where strangers become friends, and friends become family.

In fact, I invite all reading this to challenge themselves in the time leading up to and then throughout fair week to go out of their way and introduce themselves to someone in the larger "4-H family". Whether you are a 4-H youth member, 4-H volunteer/leader, or 4-H parent, I am confident there is at least one person you've seen around but do not yet know.

I challenge you to ask this new friend one of these questions:

What made you want to be in 4-H?

What is your favorite 4-H memory?

Who has become your "4-H best friend"? (And why?)

As we honor our celebrated past and take stock of this momentous anniversary, we in Monmouth 4-H also look to the future, a future made bright by our 4-H youth members.

Thank YOU for all YOU have done to make that future even brighter!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Newman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Newman" clearly distinguishable.

Matthew Newman

4-H Schedule and Due Dates

Date	Time	What is Due/What is Taking Place	Location
January 1		All 4-H members must be registered or re-enrolled	4H.zsuite.org
April 1		Equine Registration Due Equine Lease-Borrow Form	Due to 4-H Office
May 20		Equine Health Forms Due	
June 2 PREPARE FOR FAIR	6:30 PM	Prepare for Fair Meeting Advisory Meeting Animal Registration due Animal Lease- Borrow Forms and Permits	Ag Building Conference Room Due to 4-H Office
June 3 – July 12	8:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Record Book sign in and drop off	Ag Building Kitchen Classroom
June 30		<p><u>Leader submits the following for the club:</u></p> <p>Banner Request Craft Request Dunking Stool Request Game Request Leader ID Card Request Members ID Card Request Popcorn Request Trifold Request Parking Permit Request</p> <p>Section 3 Entries Due Cloverbud Court Sign Up Demonstrations/Presentations Sign Up</p> <p>Adult Release Form Cloverbud Court Picture and Coloring Page RCE/4-H Agreement Parade of Equine Breeds Form Youth Permission Form</p>	<p>Club Leader to submit to 4-H Secretary</p> <p>Submit to 4-H Secretary</p> <p>Submit to 4-H Secretary or Club Leader</p>

A final schedule that includes all animal shows, demonstrations, and performances will be released via email in July.

4-H Schedule and Due Dates

Date	Time	What Is Due/ What is Taking Place	Location
Sunday, July 20	9:30 am	Tent Set-Up (Cloverbud Entries Drop-Off in the 4-H Grow Tent)	All 4-H Tents
Tuesday, July 22	5:00 pm— 7:00 pm	Tri-Fold Set-Up and Final Tent Set-Up (Cloverbud Entries Drop-Off in the 4-H Grow Tent)	4-H Show Tent NEW LOCATION
Tuesday, July 22	6:00 pm	Ambassador Orientation	4-H Show Tent
Wednesday, July 23	12:00 PM— 3:00 PM	Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology, and Poultry arrive and are Vet-Checked	4-H Small Animal, Herpetology, & Livestock tents
	2:00 pm— 4:00 pm	Cloverbud Food & Nutrition Fair Entries Drop-Off	4-H Grow Tent NEW LOCATION
	4:00 pm	FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS	
	6:30 pm— 7:00 pm	Cloverbud Court	4-H Show Tent
	7:00 pm— 9:00 pm	Ambassador Ceremony and Alumni Reception	4-H Show Tent
	9:00 pm- 9:30 pm	Fair Fireworks	Over Fairgrounds
Thursday, July 24	12:00 pm- 3:00 pm	Equine and Livestock arrive and are Vet-Checked	4-H Equine and Livestock Tents
	6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Open Fun Day Events Registration from 5:00—5:30 pm Potato Sack races, Watermelon seed spitting contest, Pie Eating Contest	4-H Show Tent
Friday, July 25	5:30 pm— 7:00 PM	Teen Council Game Night All 4-H Members are Welcome	4-H Show Tent
Sunday, July 27	6:00 pm	FAIR OFFICIALLY CLOSES Begin Breakdown	All 4-H Fair Tents
Monday, July 28	9:00 am- 9:00 pm	Additional Tent Breakdown (if needed)	All 4-H Fair Tents
Tuesday, July 29		Park System to do Put Back	4-H Trailer

Map

East Freehold Showgrounds



Key:

1) 4-H Hilltop Parking

(General parking for all 4-H families. Parking pass required. Pg. 50)

2) 4-H Gazebo Entrance into Fair grounds

(Member/leader ID card or fair entry pass card required. Pg. 50)

3) Emergency Evacuation Barn

4) 4-H Corral Parking

(4-H parking for tent chairs, judges, and handicap. Parking pass required. Pg. 50)

5) 4-H Equine Tent

6) 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal Tent

7) 4-H Grows Here Tent

8) Bill Potter 4-H Livestock Tent and Show Ring

9) 4-H Show Tent

10) 4-H Staff, Exhibit, and Herpetology Tent

11) 4-H Alumni Tent

12) 4-H Storage Barn

4-H Dunk Tank



4-H Popcorn Stand



A special **THANK YOU** to the
County of Monmouth and Board of County Commissioners for printing this book!

Fair Guidelines

ENTRY SUBMISSION-

The ongoing goals of the Monmouth County 4-H Youth Development Program are to:

- A) Recognize, showcase, and evaluate the accomplishments of our 4-H members.
- B) Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in enjoyable and educational family oriented 4-H events.
- C) Familiarize the public with the 4-H Program, as well as Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

FAIR PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) All participating 4-H families are responsible for helping with setup or breakdown during the fair. This is not only for their own specific tent areas, but also for other 4-H locations on the fair grounds until all the work is done (Dunking Stool, Show Tent Floor, etc.)
- 2) Exhibits are open to the public from Wednesday 4:00pm to Sunday until 6:00pm. All 4-H Exhibits are to remain on display until 6:00 pm Sunday, barring extreme weather.
- 3) At the fair, 4-H appropriate attire with safety in mind, is to be worn at all times. No sandals/open toe shoes, midriffs, spaghetti straps, or two-piece bathing suits. Please refer to the 4-H dress code for more details.
- 4) No selling of any items without prior approval of the 4-H Office.
- 5) No alcoholic beverages on the fair grounds.
- 6) No tobacco use at the fair, including vapes and e-cigarettes.
- 7) In the event of extreme weather, decisions will be made by the Park System, 4-H Staff, and Tent Chairs for the welfare of the members and animals. Please make sure to listen to protocol and be prepared if severe weather is approaching. Always remember to head to the emergency evacuation barn if instructed to. You can locate this barn on the fair map found on page 6.

BREAKDOWN:

Help is needed from everyone. It is asked that each 4-H family helps with at least one day. Please review below where you can be of most benefit.

Sunday, July 27: Tent Breakdown. Equipment from each tent is broken down and placed on pallets. Power washers are requested. Wear your heavy duty gloves!

****NOTE*- when stacking materials onto pallets, materials must be stacked perpendicular to the forks of the forklift.***

Fair Guidelines

POINT OF CONTACT:

If there is an issue you need to report to someone, please follow the chain below. A list of contact information will be provided in each tent binder.

First: 4-H Leader

Second: 4-H Tent Chair

Third: 4-H Fair Chair

Fourth: 4-H Staff (Matt, Virginia, or Kylene)

Fifth: Park System Staff Member

ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER COMPETITIVE CLASSES:

Live Animals, Performing Arts and Model Horse only.

- 1) A 4-H'er must be a member in good standing to enter competitive 4-H fair events.
- 2) All project entries must be the result of activity during the current project year.
- 3) Record books for all project areas must be submitted to the 4-H office. Completed record books are due to the 4-H Office between **June 3-July 12**. Entries by 4-H'ers without record books will not be judged.
- 4) 4-H'ers grades 4-13 are required to have made a club presentation no later than June 1. Cloverbuds are not required to, but encouraged to do so.
- 5) All 4-H'ers must have attended a minimum of 70% of all club meetings/activities during the year.
- 6) All 4-H'ers must have participated in one 4-H community service project within the current program year.
- 7) All entries not meeting class requirements as listed will not be judged.
- 8) 4-H'ers may enter performances and/or demonstrations which, unlike project entries, will not be judged. Members may request to showcase on the 4-H Show Tent, the 4-H Show Ring, and/or in another 4-H Tent.
- 9) **Each member must complete the appropriate fair entry forms and send them in by the specific deadlines found on pages 4-5.**

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Live Animals, Performing Arts and Model Horse only.

- 1) All exhibits and exhibitors (grades 4-13) will be judged by the Danish System.
- 2) The Division Chairperson, with the approval of the County 4-H Agent, selects competent judges. All decisions by the judges are final. **Please treat the judges with respect and appreciation.**

JUDGING:

The Danish System is used to evaluate 4-H project exhibits. Entries are compared to a standard (set of criteria) not to each other. Evaluations such as these help members gain greater appreciation of excellence and quality of workmanship or performance.

ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER COMPETITIVE CLASSES and AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

For all other project areas please see pages 41-50.

CLOVERBUD MEMBER RECOGNITION:

- 1) A Cloverbud member is a 4-H member in K through 3rd grade.
- 2) A Cloverbud member may exhibit one (1) item per class.
- 3) All Cloverbud members (grades K-3) will receive participation ribbons.
- 4) Cloverbuds may participate in all classes unless specified otherwise in guidelines.
- 5) Cloverbuds will be specially recognized during the Cloverbud Court Ceremony. Please see page 23 for further details.

Fair Guidelines

It is strongly encouraged that All 4-H families attend:

Prepare for Fair Meeting.

June 2 at 6:30 PM at the Ag Building

***Advisory meeting will be held before or after (meeting times to be determined by advisories)**

FAIR MATERIALS:

FAIR BOOK - This book contains all of the information you need to know for the Monmouth County Fair. Please make sure you are using this year's version.

PERMISSION FORMS-

YOUTH - Each 4-H member participating in the fair is required to submit a RCE/4-H Agreement Form as well as a youth permission form.

ADULTS - Each participating adult is required to submit an adult agreement form.

ENTRY FORMS - If an entry form is required, one (1) copy of the entry form is to be printed and submitted to the 4-H office before the deadline. It is important to keep copies of your entry forms as a record.

PARKING PASS - All 4-H vehicles will need a parking pass to park in the 4-H parking lot on the fairgrounds. Parking passes are requested from the leader to the 4-H office. Please make sure your leader knows you need a pass before **June 30**. Leaders will distribute these passes to you a week before the fair opens. Passes expire each year, so a new pass will need to be requested for every fair.

FAIR ENTRY PASS - 4-H families enter the fair through the 4-H gazebo entrance. Fair entry passes are used for parents/guardians, judges, and sponsors. Please make sure your leader knows if you need a fair entry pass before **June 30**. Leaders will distribute these cards to you a week before the fair. Fair entry passes expire and will be distributed each year.

MEMBER ENTRY CARD - 4-H members enter the fair through the 4-H gazebo entrance. 4-H members do not need entry passes to get into the fair because they have member cards. These do not expire while the member is active and therefore can be used annually. If a 4-H member does not have a member card, the club leader needs to be informed before **June 30** in order to make the request through the 4-H Secretary. Leaders will distribute these cards to you a week before the fair.

LEADER ID BADGE - 4-H leaders enter the fair through the 4-H gazebo entrance. 4-H leaders do not need entry passes to get into the fair because they have their ID badge. These do not expire while the leader is active and therefore can be used annually. Leaders who need an ID badge will inform the 4-H office no later than **June 30**. A face picture must be sent with this request.

FAIR OPPORTUNITIES:

Aside from displaying projects, showing animals, and performing at the fair, there are some nice opportunities for members to participate in:

TEEN ASSISTANTS - Jr. Fair Chair opportunities are available to teens in 8th-13th grade who will assist 4-H Staff with the preparation and implementation of the Monmouth County Fair. Please speak with staff by **June 30** if you are interested.

PRESENTATIONS/DEMONSTRATIONS - Individual club members, a group of 4-H'ers, or the entire club can come together to do a presentation or demonstration. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice public presentations and the fair guests love it! Please review the guidelines for further details.

Fair Guidelines

PROTECTION OF MINORS POLICY:

- 1) Only 4-H volunteers who have gone through the appointment process are allowed to supervise children that are not their own.
- 2) Leaders will be provided with a 4-H Volunteer photo ID badge. These must be worn at all times while working with 4-H youth.
- 3) There must be at least 2 officially trained leaders in charge of any group of 4-H'ers. In addition, there must be enough officially trained leaders to meet the following supervision ratios:
Grades K - 7= 1 leader per 7 youth
Grades 8 - 13= 1 leader per 10 youth
- 4) 4-H members are under the responsibility of Rutgers Cooperative Extension during their Herdsmanship shifts, as well as if they sleep over. Youth are under the responsibility of their parents/guardians for all other times of the fair.
- 5) When a 4-H member is under the responsibility of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the rule of 3 must apply when leaving the tent (to get ice, for example).

Remember the Rule of 3
No adult should be alone with a youth that is not their own.
Always have another youth or leader present.

OVERNIGHT:

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED ON ZSUITE.
ADULTS SERVING AS OVERNIGHT TENT CHAIRS MUST BE REGISTERED ON ZSUITE AND HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PROTECTION OF MINORS ANNUAL TRAINING. NO EXCEPTIONS/NO SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1) Only registered 4-H members who have animal projects entered at the fair are allowed to spend the night in the tent in which the project animal resides.
- 2) Each member must have a signed fair exhibitor form and permission form from a parent or legal guardian turned in and approved by their leader before they are allowed to stay. Permission forms are due **June 30th**.
- 3) Each night of fair week, members and adults must submit their names to their tent chair by **9:30pm** in order to sleep over that particular night.
- 4) A member must be 12 years or older to stay overnight without a parent or legal guardian. Members under the age of 12 may stay over with a parent or legal guardian. Both are at the discretion of the tent chair. Members under 12 must sleep with their parents in a separate area of the tent than those members being supervised by the 4-H leaders. Please see the tent chairperson for additional rules and guidelines for each specific tent.
- 5) Only leaders, parents, and legal guardians with registered 4-H members who have animal projects entered at the fair are allowed to spend the night.
- 6) **EVERYONE STAYING OVER IS EXPECTED TO BE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY 11pm.** Lights will go out between 11:30 pm and 12:00 am. Please be considerate of others after this time. It is essential that **all** tents are quiet.
- 7) It can be either hot or cold at night so please dress accordingly. Please make sure that your clothing is appropriate and covers you up. You must clean up your area in the morning. You can leave your items in the tent, but they must be removed before the fair opens. In the morning before you leave to shower, eat, etc., all of the animals must be taken care of first.
- 8) There will be a designated volunteer in the role of Overnight Coordinator each night for all 4-H tent supervision. This is your main point of contact each night.

The overnight chain of command is as follows:

4-H Leader > 4-H Overnight Tent Chair > Park System Staff

New Jersey 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth

Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the event coordinator(s) (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) code of conduct and (5) media policy. *Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!*

Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of Youth participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

4-H county: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Name of activity/event: _____

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: _____

Location of event: _____

Date and time of participation of individual named above: _____

Parent Permission and Release of Liability

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its event coordinator(s) will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

Sign Here 

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

I authorize the event coordinator(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the event coordinator(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

Name of parent/guardian	Phone number	Name of additional emergency contact	Phone number
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The following information is provided as an aid to the event coordinator(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: _____

Medications/Instructions: _____

Health Insurance: Company Group# _____ ID# _____

Sign Here 

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

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New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

	_____	_____
	Signature of participant in event	Date
	_____	_____
	Signature of parent or guardian	Date

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Information about the Adult Participant and Activity

Name of Adult participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

4-H county: _____ Have you gone through the appointed volunteer process? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of activity/event: _____

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: _____

Location of event: _____

Date and time of participation of individual named above: _____

Release of Liability

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 Signature of adult participant _____

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

In case of sudden illness or an accident to myself requiring immediate treatment or surgery while I am a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H event coordinator or other adults present to take such action as seems appropriate to protect my health and physical well-being. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve my life and well-being. All efforts will be made to contact the individual named as my emergency contact above in case of emergency.

Name of emergency contact	Phone number	Name of additional emergency contact	Phone number
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RCE/4-H Agreement

We want everyone to be safe and have fun throughout the fair!

4-H Exhibitors, Parents/Guardians, and Leaders need to sign this form
in addition to the adult and youth permission forms.

By signing this form, you agree to the Monmouth County 4-H/RCE Fair Guidelines, Popcorn and Dunk Tank Guidelines, Animal Health Guidelines, Division Guidelines, and all other Guidelines within this book.

You agree to the following statements:

- A) The exhibitor releases the Monmouth County 4-H Association and the County of Monmouth from any responsibility or liability for injury or damage to any entries or exhibits and also releases and agrees to indemnify the Monmouth County 4-H Association and the County of Monmouth against any damage, claim, legal procedure or judgment arising out of the transportation, entry, or exhibition of the listed entries or exhibits at the said Fair, and further agrees to hold the said Monmouth County 4-H Association or the County of Monmouth harmless from any claim or suit or injury, damage or blame resulting from transportation, entry or exhibition of the listed entries or exhibits.
- B) Park security will be provided throughout the Fair. The Monmouth County 4-H Association, their officers, 4-H staff, or the County of Monmouth will not be responsible in any way for any damage or loss by water, fire, theft, or otherwise. By participating in the event you are agreeing to these terms

SIGNATURES:

Youth Name (Print)_____ Date:_____

Youth Signature_____ Date:---

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date:---

FAIR FUN INFORMATION

This information pertains the events and opportunities that are offered during fair week. It includes information for 4-H members, parents/guardians, leaders, and even the public!

In this area you will find:

Alumni Quilt Raffle
Youth Open Fun Day

All 4-H families are asked to provide help for the 4-H setup and breakdown portion of the fair. Please review page 7 to see where your family could be of most help.

Fair Spirit!

4-H Alumni Quilt Raffle

The Alumni Association will be raffling off quilt #33 this year and will be selling tickets throughout the entire fair.

On Sunday, July 27th, at 5:00pm, the winning ticket will be drawn. You do not have to be present to win!

The purpose of the Monmouth County 4-H Alumni Association is to support the meaningful enrichment of 4-H activity in Monmouth County. The money raised from the quilt raffle is used for educational scholarships and to support county and state 4-H programs. We encourage you to learn more about these scholarships and events available for the 4-H members of Monmouth County



Monmouth County 4-H Alumni Officers



**President - Marilyn Kothe
Vice-President - Lynn Hoenig
Treasurer - Frank Van Note
Secretary - Lorraine Yoncak**

The Alumni Association is an active group that holds six meetings yearly, social events, and an Annual Alumni Dinner.

**Get involved and
join the fun!**

4-H Youth Open Fun Day

This event is open to public youth, so bring a friend!

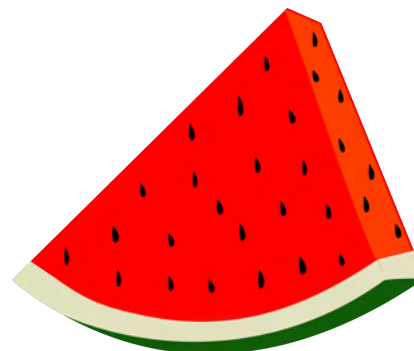
Potato Sack Races, Watermelon Seed Spitting & Pie Eating Contests!



Thursday night from 5:30 - 8pm

Sign-up begins at 5:30pm at the 4-H Show Tent.

Open to youth in grades K-13 (one year out of high school)



SHOW TENT INFORMATION

This information pertains to different events and opportunities that are offered within the 4-H Show Tent to the 4-H members and clubs.

In this area you will find:

Ambassador Contest Guidelines and Forms
Cloverbud Court Guidelines and Coloring Page
Presentation/Demonstration Guidelines

Demonstrations and Presentations

GUIDELINES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) A demonstration is a method of physically showing an audience how to do something while explaining how to do it. A presentation is with one or more 4-H members teaching information related to a specific 4-H project.
- 2) A demonstration or presentation is different than a club game or club craft because no prize giveaway or take home craft is included.
- 3) Any Monmouth County 4-H Member, Club or, Advisory Group may complete a demonstration or presentation.
- 4) A demonstration or presentation will not be judged, unless specifically asked.
- 5) Only appropriate illustrations and/or props will be allowed.
- 6) Demonstrations and presentations are welcome in the 4-H Show Tent, in the 4-H Animal Show Ring, or in another 4-H tent (so long as there is accurate space and is previously approved by tent chair).
- 7) Only a limited number of entries will be accepted due to the amount of time available. The Fair Chair and Association will make the final decisions and will notify you regarding the scheduled time.
- 8) Live animals may be used in your demonstration/presentation so long as you are in compliance with the Animal Welfare guidelines.
- 9) Demonstrations and presentations must be safe (no sharp objects or use of glass, etc.) and must be operated at no threat to the health, safety, and welfare of adults, youth, or animals.
- 10) All material used for the demonstration/presentation must be supplied on your own.
- 11) The Parks System, Fair Chairs, and 4-H Staff are not responsible for any equipment or supplies left overnight at the Fair. Overnight storage is done at your own risk.

Why give a demonstration or presentation?

As part of our 4-H duty, we need to share information that we learn with the public. Our current members/volunteers understand the immediate and long-term benefit of participating in 4-H; however, it is important to host a demonstration or presentation to directly display how participating in 4-H benefits youth *and* the broader community. When the public knows why our 4-H program is important, they are more likely to help sustain the organization. Through demonstrations and presentations, fair guests will get that one-on-one connection to 4-H through the direct teaching of 4-H members. 4-H'ers will, in turn, further develop their communication and public speaking skills - two highly valuable skills to have as a professional.

Ambassador Contest Guidelines

HOSTED BY THE TEEN COUNCIL 4-H CLUB

Purpose: The primary purpose of a Monmouth County **4-H Fair Ambassador** is to serve as the teen leader for all 4-H Project Ambassadors and as a role model for all 4-H club members while promoting, educating, and engaging the community about the Monmouth County 4-H Youth Development Program. A maximum of two teen members can receive this title per year.

Please note: Teens in middle school and high school may also apply to serve as specific project area Junior or Senior Ambassadors. Contact Kylene or Virginia for more information.

Benefits:

Enhance leadership skills and gain knowledge.
Meet and share ideas with other youth and adult volunteers.
Provide service to 4-H and your community.
Ambassador Team Day Out.

Term/Appointment:

One year term. The member can continue as part of the overall Ambassador Team once their term is completed. An ambassador may only run for a second term if they are uncontested.

Responsibilities:

Create a platform that describes a goal you plan to accomplish during your reign. This platform should enhance the overall 4-H county program.

Entry Requirements:

- 1) 4-H'ers must be entering 10th, 11th, 12th, or 13th grade as of September following the fair.
- 2) Candidates must have completed at least two years of 4-H work registered in Monmouth County and have held a project area ambassador position.
- 3) If selected for Ambassador, it is required that you become a member of Teen Council during your reign.
- 4) Ability to communicate with people of all ages with an emphasis on strong speaking skills.
- 5) Participated in past County Public Presentations – score factored into ranking.

Each candidate will complete an application form **which will be sent to the 4-H office**. This form will ask you to complete a Resume and Cover letter as your application. Your application must be accompanied by:

- A) A cover letter of at least five-hundred (500) words highlighting your 4-H activities, what you have learned as a result of your 4-H experiences, and what your **Ambassador Platform** will be. A platform can be anything you would like to create and/or accomplish within 4-H for the year.
- B) Obtain a letter from your club leader or Association Officer describing your participation and ability to serve as ambassador. Please be sure to select a leader other than your parent.
- C) Solicit a sponsor (other than a parent) to support your candidacy. The sponsor may be your own club, a business, or a civic service, a youth or social organization. The sponsor is encouraged to pay an application fee of \$15 made payable to the 4-H Leaders Association.
- D) Include a recent photo.

Ambassador Contest Guidelines

Time Commitment:

Assist with any county special events and the county fair. Represent Monmouth County 4-H at the Annual NJ Agricultural Convention and the Annual Monmouth County Board of Agriculture Dinner. In addition, you may be asked to represent Monmouth County 4-H at various state and national events listed below. You will also serve as a mentor for other 4-H'ers.

Below are some of the exciting activities you will have an opportunity to take part in throughout the 4-H year!

July - Fair Pull winning tickets for any Association or Alumni Raffles.
General fair host.

Fall Meet with staff liaison to go over goals for the year.
Begin attending the monthly Teen Council meetings for the year.
Attend the Annual 4-H Alumni Dinner.

Winter Serve with project Ambassadors as host of 4-H Achievement Night/
Dance. Represent Monmouth County 4-H at the NJ Ag Convention
(Display & Dinner).
Complete a County Public Presentation & serve as a room host.

Spring Promote 4-H in the Freehold Memorial Day Parade.

Summer Complete a report of your accomplishments for the staff liaison.

July - Fair Fair ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Cloverbud Court Emcee and
Ambassador Contest.

***As the 4-H Fair Ambassador, you will also attend a minimum of one of the Monmouth County Leaders Association meetings, as well as one of the Board of Agriculture meetings held throughout the year.**

4-H Dress Code Guidelines for General Events:

Casual: Nice jeans, long shorts or pants, nice shirt, sleeveless tops,
(no spaghetti straps or strapless). Non-revealing clothing.

Dressy: Dress, skirt, dress pants, suit, or khakis.
Blouse (not sleeveless), button down shirt, or nice shirt with a collar.

Wear your sash/tiara whenever representing 4-H!

Resources Available:

- 4-H leaders, volunteers, and peers will be available for support and assistance.
- Project Advisory Councils will serve as your mentors.
- 4-H Staff will oversee appropriate responsibilities and provide recognition for ambassadors.

Contact the 4-H Program Associate liaison for your project area:

Kylene Stewart, 732-431-7260 x7265
Kylene.Stewart@njaes.rutgers.edu

Virginia Krzyzanowski, 732-431-7260 x7267
Krzyzanowski@njaes.rutgers.edu

Cloverbud Court Guidelines

Cloverbud Court

Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Show Tent

To sign up: complete the Cloverbud Court Entry and submit with a 5" x 7" photo of the member and completed CB drawing page to the office by **June 30.**

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Monmouth County 4-H Cloverbud Court Ceremony is to recognize the Monmouth County 4-H Cloverbud members and to promote excitement as this ceremony is the start of the Fair!

At the Ceremony (4-H Show Tent):

- 1) Cloverbuds will be lined up in alphabetical order and enter from the side of the stage and sit in their designated chair. The event begins at 6:30PM. **Please report to the Show Tent by 6:15 PM.** Be aware that traffic getting onto the fairgrounds can back up at this time!
- 2) One by one, the members will be called up to speak with a Teen Ambassador who will ask them a couple of questions. Questions can include their favorite things in 4-H, a favorite 4-H memory, their yearly projects, etc. They will also be asked who they want to thank.
- 3) At the end of the ceremony, a parade of Cloverbuds will take place along with the Teen Ambassadors around the 4-H show tent. This is the official opening of the Ambassador contest, a visual of the "youngest" 4-H'ers to the "oldest" 4-H'ers. Cloverbuds are encouraged to wear club shirts.
- 4) Each Cloverbud will receive a small gift for their hard work during the year.
- 5) Cloverbuds will also participate in a special charity project. This will include a donation, such as a can of food, to a local charity. More details will be sent out through e-mail early July. Charity suggestions are welcome!

3rd Grade Cloverbud Graduation:

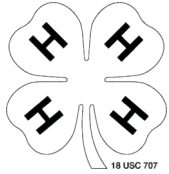
- 1) Special recognition will be given to Cloverbuds **who were in 3rd grade for the current 4-H program year**, and are graduating to become standard 4-H members for next program year.

Cloverbud Court Display:

- 1) Located in the 4-H Show Tent, the display will consist of the Cloverbud pictures and short bios of the Cloverbud members. First name and last initial only.
- 2) Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete the drawing page that will be displayed along with their picture and bio.
- 3) **Please make sure to add your name to the back of your photo and coloring page.**

Contact Person: Virginia Krzyzanowski, 4-H Program Associate
732-431-7260 x7267, Krzyzanowski@njaes.rutgers.edu

MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR



Artist: _____ *(first name only)*

Grade Completed: _____

Drawing of my favorite part of the fair!

CLOVERBUD COURT **RULES!**

CLOVERBUD PROJECT ENTRIES

Though we often think of animals at the fair, it is so much more.

4-H'ers are encouraged to showcase their talents all

"Around The Clover" with entries in the following divisions.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Tagged entries are to be dropped off at the Cloverbud Display on the fairgrounds in the back of the 4-H Grows Here Tent. **July 20-23** Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday anytime (place in the tote), or Wednesday before 2:00 pm. Participation ribbons will be awarded.

DIVISIONS

ARTS:
Architectural Design
Creative Crafts
Creative Writing
Environmental Collections
Photography
Recycling
Scrapbooking
Sewing & Textiles
Visual Art
Woodworking
FOOD & NUTRITION:
Soups & Salads
Breads
Appetizers & Spreads
Main & Side Dishes
Desserts & Treats
Foods to Share & Entertaining

Cloverbud and Model Horse Fair Entry Tags

attach one to each of your projects



Cloverbud 4-H Entry Tag

Cloverbud's Name

Town

Grade completed

Class #



Cloverbud 4-H Entry Tag

Cloverbud's Name

Town

Grade completed

Class #



Model Horse 4-H Entry Tag

Division Name

Division #

Class #

4-Her's Full Name

Age

Last Grade Completed

Town

CB Recipe Card/Food Entry Form

GUIDELINES: Tagged entries with recipe attached are to be dropped off on the Cloverbud Display table at the fairgrounds in the back of the 4-H Grows Here Tent on Wednesday, **July 23** between 2:00-4:00 pm. Participation ribbons awarded.

Cloverbuds Name: _____

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____

Club(s): _____

Recipe Title: _____

Food Groups: _____

Preparation Time: _____ **Number of Servings:** _____

Ingredients:

Instructions:

PROJECT ENTRIES

Section 1

Standard and Teen 4-H Members only

DIVISION 11 - PERFORMING ARTS:

GUIDELINES:

- Group performances not to exceed 6 youth.
- All participants will give their performances on stage in the 4-H Show Tent at scheduled times.
- **Unlike other presentations, performances, and/or demonstrations, this Division will be judged. Please indicate to the 4-H secretary that you are competing in Division 11.**
- **All classes will be offered and divided by grade. Standard (grades 4-7), and Teen (grades 8-13)**

Classes:

A. Acting

- 1) Monologue
- 2) Group Scene
- 3) Pantomime

B. Musical Performance (Vocal, Instrumental)

- 1) Solo
- 2) Group

C. Puppetry

D. Dance (Tap, Folk, Jazz, etc.)

- 1) Solo
- 2) Group

E. Other

PROJECT ENTRIES

Section 2

Standard and Teen 4-H Members only

DIVISION 19 - MODEL HORSE SHOW:

GUIDELINES and CLASSES:

- Models will be shown in the 4-H equine tent during the Model Horse Show.
- Members may show one entry per class.
- All entries should be hind right leg tagged with the 4-H'ers name and club.
- **All classes will be offered and divided by grade. Standard (grades 4-7), and Teen (grades 8-13)**

- A. Gelding/Stallion**
- B. Mare and Foal (mare or foal is fine too)**
- C. Under Saddle (English or Western)**
- D. Costume**
- E. Creative Scene**
- F. Repaint by exhibitor**
- G. Re-sculpt by exhibitor**

PROJECT ENTRIES

Section 3

Section 3 includes all entries involving live
Animal Projects.

In this area you will find:

Animal Welfare Guidelines
Equine Guidelines and Stall Entry Forms
Livestock Guidelines
Master Showmanship Guidelines
Animal Science Poster
Poultry Guidelines
Small Animal Guidelines

Animal Registrations

For members who have animal projects, please be aware that animals must be registered for each 4-H program year before they can be entered in the fair.

Master Showmanship Competition

GUIDELINES:

- Formerly called the Round Robin Showmanship Competition.
- Every 4-H member with a project animal displayed at the fair is to participate in Showmanship. Please check with your Tent Chairs as to when Showmanship will take place for your specific animal project.
- Only members who are keeping animals for the duration of the entire fair are able to qualify for the Master Showmanship Championship.
- The winners of showmanship within each animal project area (i.e.- Rabbit/Small Animal, Herpetology, Livestock, Poultry, and Horse) will compete in the Master Showmanship Competition. Participants will exchange each others' animals and show them, while also answering fun animal related questions. Participants will receive feedback and learning materials from the judge. This competition requires all project area participation, no exceptions.
- If you qualify, please be ready by 2:45pm on Sunday with your appropriate showmanship outfits (or white shirt and black slacks).
- Tan and black jeans are acceptable, dairy cattle and goat should wear white
- Junior competitors will be in grades 4 - 7 and Senior grades 8 - 13 as of the current year. Cloverbud members cannot qualify to compete but are welcome to come watch and root for their peers.

The printed guidebook for showmanship will be available at the Prepare for Fair Meeting. A copy will also be located within each tent binder during the fair.

The Master Showmanship Competition **Sunday, July 27th** **Juniors at 1PM** **Seniors at 3PM** **4-H Livestock Ring**

All are welcome to watch!



Animal Welfare

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our belief in the ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our guarantee of safe practices. While showing animals, we are under the watchful eye of the general public. Many people attending the fair may have no idea how these animals are raised. You are the spokesperson for your animals. The proper care of animals in a public setting should receive primary attention. Practicing these guidelines should be helpful in preventing any misconceptions the public may have.

Always remember the 5 freedoms of Animal Welfare: These serve as a guideline to how animals should be cared for:



Freedom from Hunger and Thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor



Freedom to Express Normal Behavior by providing sufficient space, proper facilities, and company of the animal's own kind.



Freedom from Discomfort by providing an appropriate environment, including shelter and a comfortable resting area.



Freedom from Fear and Distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.



Freedom from Pain, Injury, or Disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to all animals at all times.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Be aware of animal comfort zones i.e. temperature, space.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for others.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age before the fair; this will make them more manageable at the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Animals should be fed on a routine basis.
9. Avoid stressing the animals.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show stick, whips, and canes for showing only and try to use them as gently as possible.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations. This is also a good way to answer any questions the public may have.
13. Have a plan of action if a problem should arise and who to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Know who and where fair officials are and how to get in contact with them.
15. If questioned about animal care by a stranger, remain calm, be polite, answer the questions the best you can, don't argue, and refer the person to an adult if a tough question or situation arises.

Animal Welfare is important and highly visible during summer fairs. Following the above practices will present a positive image of the 4-H program to the public as well as demonstrate the solid animal stewardship which is our 4-H tradition.

PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

ANIMAL SCIENCE:

Guidelines:

1. Poster size should be:
 - A. 22 inches by 28 inches for grade 4 – 13
 - B. 14 inches by 22 inches for cloverbuds grade K – 3
2. Research a topic and draw or write information on that topic. Cover your poster with plastic, such as a shower curtain.

Classes:

- AS 1. Breeding** (genetics, gestation, parturition, incubation)
- AS 2. Systems** (skeletal, muscular, digestive, respiratory, body parts)
- AS 3. Nutrition** (compare grains, hay, minerals, rations for different ages)
- AS 4. Share an emergency evacuation plan**, or medical kit supplies
- AS 5. Animal Behavior** (observe and record an animal for 1 hour, or describe training methods that change animal behavior)
- AS 6. Report on a current disease** affecting animals
- AS 7. Careers** in Animal Science
- AS 8. Report on a scientist** who has had an impact on Animal Science
- AS 9. Design an animal facility** (barn, farm, zoo, veterinary office)

ANIMAL EXHIBITIONS (ALL LIVE ANIMALS AT THE FAIR)

Rules:

- Each animal entered must have been enrolled as a 4-H project by *June 2, 2025*, **except** equine which must be registered by *May 20, 2025*.
- Each animal must have been entered on a Livestock, Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal, Herpetology or Equine Entry Form which is submitted to the tent chair or other designated person by June 2, 2025.
- Breed standards will be used as judging criteria, with an emphasis on condition
- Animals may be purebred or grade.
- Each show will have a showmanship division which is **mandatory**
- Cloverbud – K to 3rd grade in 2025
- Junior – grades 4th – 8th
- Senior – grades 9th – 13th
- Animals may **not** be sold during the fair.
- Any animal which leaves the fairgrounds may **not** return to the fairgrounds during the fair, with the exception of herpetology.
- "You are participating in the fair at your own risk and risk to your animal's health." 2024 *Fair/show Animal Health recommendations, Regulations and Forms*, Dr. Amar Patil

PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

LIVESTOCK

Bring a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) OR AHC (Animal Health Certificate) to the fair – must be completed by a veterinarian. All animals must be identified by tattoo, microchip, ear tag or leg band.

Beef Cattle Show

- BC 1. Calf – under 1 year
- BC 2. Heifer – never calved
- BC 3. Steer – can be meat or dairy breed under one year
- BC 4. Cow/calf – calf must be get of Cow

Dairy Cattle Show

- DC 1. Calf – under 1 year
- DC 2. Heifer – never calved
- DC 3. Dry Cow
- DC 4. Cow in Milk

Dairy Goat Show – must be polled or disbudded, shown with a chain or collar, must be clipped

- DG 1. Jr. Doe – under 6 months
- DG 2. Jr. Doe – 7 to 12 months
- DG 3. Sn. Doe – must be in milk
- DG 4. Sn. Dry Doe – must have had at least one lactation (or be shown in Companion)

- DG. 5. Jr. Buckling – must be under 6 months of age
- DG 6. Dam and Daughter – daughter must be from this dam

Companion Goat Show – any breed/type of goat which cannot be shown in another show

- CG 1. Jr. Doe – under 6 months
- CG 2. Jr. Doe – 7 to 12 months
- CG 3. Sn. Doe – over one year
- CG. 4. Jr. Buckling – less than 6 months
- CG 5. Wether – any age
- CG65. Pair class – two any sex or age which have been entered in a previous companion class

Meat and Fiber Goat Show – may be polled, disbudded or naturally horned, may be clipped

- MFG 1. Jr. Doe – under 6 months
- MFG 2. Jr. Doe – 7 to 12 months
- MFG 3. Sn. Doe – over one year
- MFG 4. Jr. Buckling – less than 6 months of age
- MFG 5. Market Goat – must have been born after January 1, 2024 and not shown in a previous Class. Must be either a doe or wether.
- MFG 5. Pairs- any age or sex, does not have to be same owner. Must have been shown in a previous class.

Sheep Show – may be polled or naturally horned

A. Wool Show

- SW 1. Ewe lambs – born after January 1, 2024
- SW 2. Yearling Ewes – born between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023
- SW 3. Aged Ewes – born after January 1, 2022
- SW 4. Ram lambs – born after January 1, 2024
- SW 5. Wethers - Any age

PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

B. Meat Show

- SM 1. Ewe lambs – born after January 1, 2024
- SM 2. Yearling Ewes – born between Jan. 1, 2-22 and Dec. 31, 2023
- SM 3. Aged Ewes – born before January 1, 2022
- SM 4 Ram lambs- born after January 1, 2024
- SM 5. Wethers – any age

C. Hair Breed Show

- SH 1. Ewe lambs – Born after January 1, 2024
- SH 2 Yearling ewes – Born between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023
- SH 3. Aged Ewes – Born before Jan. 1, 2022
- SH 4. Ram lambs – Born after Jan. 1 2024
- SH 5. Wethers – any age

D. Market lambs – wether or ewe not shown in a previous class and born after 1/1/24.

E. Pairs – does not have to be same owner/lease

F. Jr. Flock – one ram lamb and two ewe lambs

G. Flock – one ram lamb, two ewe lambs and two yearling ewes

Poultry and Waterfowl Show

- Poultry over the age of 4 months must be accompanied by a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test dated no earlier than June 24, 2024 **or** come from a USDA certified “clean” flock. Poultry under the age of 4 months must originate from an NPIP “clean flock”.
- Pullorum testing will be available at Winter Run on **June 6th from 4:30 pm—7 pm**
- All poultry and waterfowl must submit a Small Animal Health Inspection Form available at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/4-Hpoultryrabbitcavyform.pdf>.

PW 1. Standard Classes

- A. American
- B. Asiatic
- C. Continental
- D. English
- E. Mediterranean
- F. All Other Standard Breeds

PW 2. Bantam

- A. Game
- B. Single Comb Clean Legged
- C. Rose Comb Clean Legged
- D. All Other Comb Clean Legged
- E. Feather legs

PW 3. Utility or Backyard Chickens

- A. Rooster
- B. Hen

PW 4. Meat Chickens – must be less than 6 months old – judged on marketability day of show

PW 5. Chick class – must be less than 4 months old – judged on potential

- A. Cockerel
- B. Pullet

PW 6. Ducks

- A. Bantam
- B. Light weight
- C. Medium weight
- D. Heavy weight

PW 7. Geese

- A. Light
- B. Medium
- C. Heavy

PW 8. Turkey

PW 9. All Other Fowl ie. Guinea Hens, Pigeons

PW 10. One Dozen Eggs

Monmouth County Fair Livestock/Poultry Registration Form

Please complete and send fair registration form to kylene.stewart@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H Member Name: _____

4-H Member address: _____

Grade as of September 1st 2024: _____ Age: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Species of animal (please register one species per form): _____

[illegible]

Member Signature: _____ . Leader Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

RABBITS, CAVY, AND SMALL ANIMALS

Rules

- Members are allowed to enter rabbits for 4 holes to exhibit during the fair. Does and litter, as well as large breeds require 2 holes per rabbit. Additional rabbits will be accepted if space is available, based on member seniority.
- Minimum age of kits in a litter is six weeks, maximum age is eight weeks. Individual rabbits must be 3 months of to show in breed classes.
- Exhibit cages, water and food dishes will be provided for rabbits. Cavy cages are limited by supply. Small Animal exhibitors must provide their own cages, water and food dishes.
- Information concerning special diet must be included on that animal's entry form. All feed that you provide must be in a closed container labeled with your name and the animal's cage number on it.
- Rabbits will be fed during the last herdsmanship shift. Rabbit water bottles can be used if you prefer to bring your own. Cavy and Small Animals must be fed by their owners. Feed containers must be clearly marked with your name.
- Judged on cleanliness, body condition and breed standard. You must be present at judging.
- Send all Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal entry forms to Kylene.

Rabbit Breed Classes;

- R1. All recognized breeds
- R2. Mismarked Dutch
- R3. Mixed breed
- R4 Doe and Litter
- R5. DQ exhibit

Cavy Breed Classes:

- C1. All recognized breeds

Small Animal Breed Classes

- SA1. Gerbils
- SA2. Hamsters
- SA3. Mice
- SA4. Rats
- SA5. Hedgehogs
- SA6. Chinchillas
- SA7. Other

HERPETOLOGY

Rules

- Each exhibit must have security devices to ensure the animal's safety and prevent the animal's escape.
- Exhibitor Tag must identify animal(s) and 4-Her (first name only).
- A copy of the NJ Exotics permit must be submitted with each animal's entry form and posted on the back of the tank for the duration of the fair.
- To exhibit in Class HF, the animal must have been shown in a Class (HA – HE.)
- Proper hand washing and sanitizing is required for herdsmanship and all public interactions. Failure to comply will disqualify the animal and the 4-Her from any fair showmanship.
- Herdsmanship of a documented five hours is required for participation in Showmanship.
- An informational tri-fold is required to adequately educate the public about the animal.
- To report traditional housing information for judging, photos and videos can be utilized.
- 4-Hers at the fair are visual representatives of the 4-H program. Therefore, appropriate dress is required for members, parents, caregivers and leaders supervising members.

Classes:

- HA. Snakes
- HB. Amphibians

- HC. Testudines
- HD. Lizards

- HE. Invertebrates
- HF. Exhibit – Best Tank or Cage
- HG. Trifold- Best Educational Poster

PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

Monmouth County 4-H Small Animal Registration



Animal Species (Circle One): Please use a separate form for each species

Rabbit Cavy Sim. Animal Species Herpetology

1. Animals must be registered with the county 4-H office on OR before May 1st within each program year. Only animals properly registered will be eligible to be entered at yearly County, Regional, or State 4-H events.
2. Please do not mistake this form as an entry form for a particular event. All events will have a separate entry form for you to compete.
3. All registered animals must be in the name of the 4-H member. If this is a lease/borrow animal, please attach a copy of the lease/borrow form.
4. Members who own animals that require a state permit must attach a copy of that permit to their registration form.
5. Animals born/hatched after May 1st will only be accepted past the deadlines if the animal was born/hatched from a registered project animal.
6. Each form must be accompanied by a photo of the animal which shows all the color and markings. Photos are only needed if the animal does not have a tattoo, leg band number, ear tag number, ear notches, or microchip number.

Member's Name _____ Date Submitted _____

Grade (as of Sept. 1st of program year) _____ Club Name _____

Name of Animal	Date of Birth/Hatch	Breed	Sex	Tattoo, Leg Band #, Tag #, Microchip #, or Ear Notches (attach photo if N/A)	Lease/Borrow (check box if yes)

Member's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Leaders Signature _____ THIS FORM IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 1st

Rabbit, Cavy & Small Animal Show - Thursday, July 24th at 4:00 - Show Tent

PROJECT ENTRIES- Section 3

DIVISION 34 - EQUINE:

GUIDELINES:

- Member must have had possession or leased animal (s) by **April 1** and have registered the animal (s) with any required paper documentation sent to the 4-H office. Each member must submit the animal health forms required.
- Each member must complete the appropriate fair entry forms listed on the Park System website.
- All equine exhibition will remain at the fair from Thursday until Sunday at 6:00pm.
- Project animals should be at the fairgrounds **between 12:00 - 3:00 pm on Thursday and be vet checked.** All animals must be healthy and free from disease. Any animals found with any illness or abnormality must be taken from the fairgrounds and may not return to the fair. Proper transport is must. All trailers must be parked on the 4-H hilltop parking lot by 4:00 when the fair opens to the public.
- If an animal is in distress or becomes ill during the fair, it will be evaluated by the Tent Chair, 4-H staff, and the fair veterinarian. If the animal is deemed unfit to stay at the fair, it will be isolated and sent home. This animal may not return for the rest of the fair.
- If an animal is aggressive, the Tent Chair and 4-H Staff have the right to send that animal home. If the animal has a history of biting, the Cage/Pen/Stall Information Card should indicate this. It is also encouraged that the owner specifically takes care of that particular animal.
- All personal equipment, including chairs, supplies and food items for animals and people will be kept in a neat manner. The Horse Tent must be neat and clean at all times.
- **For safety, only appropriate closed-toed shoes are allowed in all animal exhibit tents. Only close toed boots are to be worn in the stalls.**

EQUINE CARE:

- No one from the public (including friends and relatives) is allowed to go into the stalls, or touch the equines from the outside of the tent.
- Equines will be fed at the same time each morning and evening.
- Stalls should be mucked before the fair opens and should be checked on every 2 hours.
- It is required that members have their helmets on before tacking up.
- All equines are to have hay and water at all times. Members must make sure that every equine has this. If a bucket is low, it is expected that the member lets the owner/exhibitor of that equine know so they can take care of it immediately. Animals are expected to have clean stalls and access to clean water and food at all times. 4-H members are responsible for this task. Members are expected to serve a minimum of one (1) herdsman duty. Herdsman duty is mandatory.

EQUINE SHOWS:

- All show entry forms will be provided by the Prepare for Fair Meeting.
- All exhibitors are to be present at time of showing.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- **All members exhibiting animals throughout the fair are required to show in a showmanship class. Ask your leader or peers for resources to help you prepare. If you participate in showmanship, you must be willing to participate in Master showmanship as well. Junior and Senior classes will be provided in each division. Cloverbuds are not required to complete showmanship, but are encouraged to do so.**
- Showmanship for all disciplines will be held on Saturday.

Horse Shows will take place in Show Ring 2 on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Equine Stall and Parade of Breeds Entry Form

STALL DECORATING:

Rules:

- Each stall must be decorated by Thursday at 4:00 PM using thumb tacks or staples (which must be removed at take down). No part of the display may protrude more than 2 inches from the stall door.
- Each display must include: Equine's name and/or show name, breed, color, age, height, training, and fun facts.
- Display will be judged on the theme/topic which should be prominent, and the information included, such as 4-H, safety and other equine issues. Include information about your equine. The 4-H Clover must be positioned correctly (follow the use of 4-H emblem guidelines). Business cards may not be included.
- You should mount this "poster" on pressed wood board no larger than 4' x 8' assembled prior to the fair and covered with plastic.

Awards:

EA. Most Creative – be original (not store bought), use of theme, unique, legible and persuasive) photos are encouraged.

EB. Most Informational – focus on one topic with data, photographic support and a clear, legible argument.

EC. Judge's Choice Award – for the most creative and informative display.

Equine Showmanship – check the Livestock Rules for age divisions.

**Please use the QR code on the cover
to find the submission form.**



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PROJECT ENTRIES

Formerly Section 1 and 2

In partnership with the Monmouth County Park System, in 2025 entries from 4-H youth in grades 4-13 (first year out of high school) will now be entered in the Home and Garden Tent.

To enter your item in the competition..

Bring it to the East Freehold Showgrounds (the fairgrounds) on Kozloski Road in Freehold on the dates and times listed in the schedule. Fill out the entry forms at the Home and Garden Tent.

Please be sure you have read all the General Rules and Judging Criteria which apply to your specific entry division as this is the first time 4-H and MCPS have partnered for Home and Garden Entries. 4-H Youth exhibitors will receive a special sticker to highlight their 4-H participation.

www.monmouthcountyfair.com



General Rules

Please note there are significant changes to this year's competition. All items entered must

be in one of the classes listed. There are no "other" classifications this year with the exception of gardening items as listed.

These rules apply to all classes. In addition, some categories have specific rules that are listed with those classes. Competition age groups are as follows: Child 6-12; Teen 13-17; Adult 18 and up. **Cloverbuds in grades K-3 can submit entries to either The Monmouth County Fair tent or the 4-H Show Tent. 4-H Ribbons and prizes are only given in the 4-H Show Tent.**

Entries must be brought by the person creating said work to East Freehold Showgrounds at the time specified on the registration schedule.

This is an amateur competition open to all, regardless of residence. If you make or grow your product for sale on a regular basis, you are not considered an amateur.

Entries must stay in the Home & Garden tent for the duration of the Fair. Owners may remove them on Monday, July 28 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. After that date, please call Deep Cut Gardens at 732-671-6050, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

All non-perishable items will be held at Deep Cut Gardens for a maximum of 14 days from delivery to the park and will become the property of the Monmouth County Park System after that time.

Ribbons will be awarded at the judges' discretion based on merit.

The Fair Committee reserves the right to refuse to accept inappropriate items or items in poor condition (i.e. not ready to display, not capable of withstanding the elements of the Home & Garden Tent). Work Must Be Current (no older than 2 years) and Original - No Reproductions.

Art, photographs and hanging needlecrafts will be disqualified if not properly mounted with hanging apparatus (eyelet and wire) attached. Entries must be labeled properly.

The Fair Committee may remove entries in poor condition.

Two Fair passes will be given to each adult, teen and child entering. You must enter in person to receive complimentary Fair passes. Work entered in the name of an individual not responsible for producing item will be rejected.

Children, ages 6-12, may enter any competition. Their ages will be on the entry forms and may be taken into consideration by the judges. Ribbons will be awarded to every child entering a competition.

A small card with the name and town of the entrant may be attached to the entry after judging. No advertising of any kind may be displayed.

Only one entry per class is allowed; however, you may enter as many classes as you like.

Security will be provided; however, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners and their agents will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, wind, water, dust, theft or other cause to person or property. All reasonable efforts shall be made by the Home & Garden committee to protect and secure items entered.

Previous winning items are ineligible for competition.

If you have questions about any category of the Home & Garden Competition,

call 732-842-4000, ext. 3343, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have any questions about other Monmouth County Fair events, activities or competitions, visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000. The TTY/TDD number for people with hearing impairment is 711.

Judging results are not available by phone. Results are posted in the Home & Garden tent for the duration of the Fair and will be published on the Monmouth County Park System website, www.MonmouthCountyParks.com, by **August 15, 2025**.

Registration/Drop-off Schedule

General Registration

Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Monday, July 21, 8–11 a.m.

Accepting: • Art • Photo • Craft • Needlework • Canning

Senior Center and Adult Day Programs

Monday, July 21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

For information on this competition, please contact Anne at 732-460-1167, ext. 4643.

Gardener's Day

Friday, July 25

8–11 a.m.

Accepting: • Flowers • Vegetables

Baker's Day

Saturday, July 26

8–11 a.m.

Accepting: Baked Goods

On-Site Native Plant Flower Arranging Competition

Hosted By NPSNJ

Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.

Participants Must Pre-Register.

Contestants will have 1 (one) hour to complete their flower arrangement. Plant materials will be provided; however, contestants are required to bring their own container. Arrangements will be judged on creativity, diversity of plants and best use of container.

For more information and to register to participate, contact Jason Goldman at Jason.Goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732-872-2670 ext. 4374.

NEEDLEWORK

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. All work must be made by the person in whose name it is entered.
2. All work must be cleaned, blocked and finished appropriately.
3. Entrant must indicate on the entry form whether the work is an original design or from a pattern or kit. Work not so labeled will not be judged. A kit or pattern in which minor changes have been made is still not an original design and must be entered as a kit or pattern.
4. Judges will consider the following: neatness, beauty of design, choice of colors, suitability of item to purpose, and general appearance.

DIVISION CROCHETING

- Garment - original design
- Garment - pattern or kit
- Hat - original design
- Hat - pattern or kit
- Gloves or Mittens - original design
- Gloves or Mittens - pattern or kit
- Scarf - original design
- Scarf - pattern or kit
- Socks - original design
- Socks - pattern or kit
- Purses & Bags
- Amigurumi - crocheted doll
- Lap/Baby blanket

DIVISION KNITTING

- Garment - original design
- Garment - pattern or kit
- Hat - original design
- Hat - pattern or kit
- Gloves or Mittens - original design
- Gloves or Mittens - pattern or kit
- Scarf - original design
- Scarf - pattern or kit
- Socks - original design
- Socks - pattern or kit
- Purses & Bags
- Amigurumi - knitted doll
- Lap/Baby blanket

DIVISION EMBROIDERY

Note: Only items in picture format will be accepted. Items must be framed with the exception of stockings.

- Crewel, Embroidery - kit
- Crewel, Embroidery - original design
- Stocking - original
- Stocking - kit
- Cross Stitch - from a stamped pattern or kit
- Counted Cross Stitch - original design
- Counted Cross Stitch - graph

DIVISION NEEDLEPOINT

Note: All items must be framed.

- Picture - original design
- Picture - kit or printed canvas
- Picture - Long Stitch- original design
- Picture - Long Stitch - kit

DIVISION SEWING

- Children's Garment - original
- Children's Garment - kit or pattern
- Doll Clothing
- Fashion Accessory (purse, bag)
- Stuffed Animal or Doll

DIVISION QUILTING

Total 4 sides 200" or less

- Appliqued, hand quilted
- Appliqued, machine quilted
- Pieced, hand quilted
- Pieced, machine quilted

ART

JUDGING CRITERIA

Note: All artwork must be properly framed with eyelet and wire for hanging. Wrapped canvases do not need to be framed but must have eyelet and wire for hanging. Unsuitable items will not be displayed or judged.

No reproductions. Please see Preparing Your Artwork below.

Nothing larger than 36"x36" in any direction

DIVISION DRAWING

Framed items and wrapped canvases must be prepared for hanging with eyelet and wire.

- Pencil (Black/White/Color)
- Pen & Ink (Black/White/Color)
- Marker
- Crayon
- Charcoal

DIVISION MIXED MEDIA

Framed items and wrapped canvases must be prepared for hanging with eyelet and wire.

- Mixed Media - Any combination of two-dimensional media in the art category
- Collage - Pasted materials and objects

DIVISION PAINTING

Framed items and wrapped canvases must be prepared for hanging with eyelet and wire.

- Oil Pastels - Chalk Pastels
- Acrylics - Oils
- Watercolors

PHOTOGRAPHY

JUDGING CRITERIA

No slides or transparencies accepted.

All photographs must be properly framed with eyelet and wire hanger or mounted with eyelet and wire for hanging. Unsuitable items will not be displayed or judged.

Please see Preparing Your Artwork below.

DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Framed items must be prepared for hanging with eyelet and wire.

- Black & White (No Theme)
- Color (No Theme)

Preparing Your Artwork

The Home & Garden tent is HOT, HUMID & VERY BUSY. Help us display and care for your artwork by following these instructions.

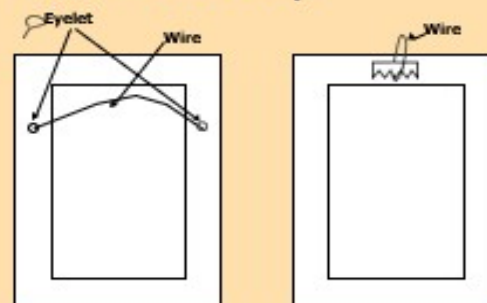
Work Must Be...

- In a real frame - unless using a wrapped canvas
- Ready to hang w/wire (before you arrive)

NO Tape

NO Glue

NO Plastic Wrap



PLEASE REVIEW GENERAL RULES CAREFULLY

CRAFTS

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be based on excellence of workmanship, general appearance, neatness, beauty of design, originality, use and coordination of color, detail and suitability of item to purpose.

DIVISION CERAMICS, POTTERY

Note: Items must be kiln fired

- Hand-built pottery
- Cast piece
- Wheel-thrown pottery

DIVISION WOOD-WORKING

Note: Items must be handmade, not purchased and decorated.

- Furniture
- Small Item

DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

- Basket making
- LEGOS® (*no kits*)
- Needle Felting
- Macrame
- Traditional Hook Rugs
- Unconventional Canvas
(*i.e. shell, rock painting*)
- Non ceramic clay

DIVISION SCULPTURE

- Metal - Wood - Stone
- Mixed Media - Miscellaneous

DIVISION WEAVING

(*cloth materials, fabrics, or yarns*)

- Clothing Item (original design)
- Clothing Item (pattern/kit)
- Clothing Accessory (original design)
- Clothing Accessory (pattern/kit)
- Household Item (original design)
- Household Item (pattern/kit)

CANNING

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. All items must be produced or packaged in New Jersey.
2. Labels on items must contain the division, class name, and the entrant's number.
3. Condiments judged on taste; sample jar must be provided.
4. No calico caps, oversized labels, or obstructions will be permitted. Contents must be clearly visible.
5. Appearance criteria are as follows: Jars must contain evenly sized food, attractively packed. Jars must be filled and not appear watery. Food must be packed firm but not tight. The color must be good and no artificial color used. Jellies should be firm.
6. Canned fruit and vegetables will be judged on appearance alone. They will not be opened.

DIVISION FRUIT

Judged on appearance only.

- Applesauce - Pears - Cherries
- Plums - Blackberries - Peaches
- Blueberries - Raspberries - Other

DIVISION VEGETABLES

Judged on appearance only.

- Asparagus - Carrots
- Green Beans - Lima Beans
- Cut Beans - Succotash
- Wax Beans - Peas
- Beets, whole - Tomatoes, whole
- Tomato Juice - Corn
- Cabbage/Sauerkraut

DIVISION CONDIMENTS

Judged on taste. Please provide a sample jar.

- Jams, conserves, marmalades or fruit
- Butter - any type
- Jellies
- Pickles - sweet or dill
- Relishes - any type
- Other pickled specimens

VEGETABLES

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The entrant is responsible for entering vegetables in the correct class. The class name of item must be on tag.
2. Uniformity in size, shape, color and maturity is important.
3. Specimens should be free of blemishes and show no sign of insect or disease attack or mechanical injury.
4. Stems and roots should be either all off or all on. Tops should be trimmed evenly.
5. Specimens should be of prime eating quality.
6. Entries must have been grown and harvested by the exhibitor in the current year.
7. Leafy stemmed vegetables should be in water.
8. Variety name must appear on the entry form.
9. It will be the Judges' decision whether or not to divide the class.

DIVISION CUCURBITS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety

- Cucumbers – standard – pickling – other
- Gourds – small ornamental
- Summer Squash – zucchini – yellow – other

Collection of one (1) specimen, one (1) variety

- Melon – Pumpkin
- Winter Squash – Other

DIVISION EGGPLANT

Collection of two (2) specimens, one (1) variety

- Standard – long – other

DIVISION LEAFY VEGETABLES

Collection of one (1) head, one (1) variety

- Cabbage – red – green – other
- Broccoli – Celery – Lettuce
- Kohlrabi – Other

Collection of three (3) stems in water

- Swiss Chard – Lettuce
- Other

DIVISION PEPPERS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety

- Jalapeno – Serrano – Poblano
- Long Hot – Bell – Sweet – Other

DIVISION ROOT VEGETABLES

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety

- Beets – Carrots – Turnips
- Radishes – Other Root
- Potatoes – red – white – gold – other

DIVISION OTHER VEGETABLES

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety

- Okra

Collection of three (3) ears, one (1) variety

- Corn – Other – not listed

DIVISION LEGUMES: SHELL BEANS

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety

- Limas – Other

DIVISION LEGUMES: SNAP BEANS

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety

- Yellow Beans – Green Beans
- Broad Italian – Yard Long
- Other

DIVISION ONIONS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety

- Onions – red – yellow – Leeks
- Shallots – Garlic – Other

DIVISION TOMATOES

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety

- Standard Red or Yellow
- Green (no cherry tomatoes)
- Small Tomato (no green):
Cherry – red – yellow,
Pear, Grape, Other
- Plum Tomato
- ~~Tomatillo~~
- Largest Tomato 6" or more
(1 Specimen)
- Other

DIVISION HERBS

One (1) bunch of five (5) stems, minimum length 5"

- Basil – Thyme – Oregano
- Rosemary – Mint – Parsley
- Salvia (sage)

One (1) bunch of five (5) stems, minimum length 8"

- Fragrant/Culinary – Other

FLOWERS

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The entrant is responsible for entering flowers or plants in the correct class. The class name of item must be on tag.
2. Specimens should be of uniform size and ideal for cultivar. Oversized flowers are not a sign of superior culture.
3. Where multiple stems are required for an entry in a class, uniformity in size, shape and color is important. Flowers should be shown at their peak of perfection.
4. Stems should be in balance with the bloom. For instance, a 3" flower should have a stem at least 12".
5. Flowers should be free from blemishes, soil and signs of insects and disease. Unsightly petals may be removed if removal cannot be noticed.
6. Containers will be supplied for flowers, while supplies last.
7. It will be the Judges' decision whether or not to divide the class.

DIVISION CUT FLOWERS, ANNUALS

Collection of three (3) stems, one (1) cultivar

- Marigolds
- Sunflowers
- Zinnias
- Other
- Giant Sunflower
5" Across Center or Greater
(1 bloom)

DIVISION CUT FLOWERS, PERENNIALS

Collection of three (3) stems, one (1) cultivar

- Any perennial
- Phlox
- Echinacea*
- Rudbeckia*

DIVISION BULBS, CORMS

One (1) stem

- Any bulb or corm
- Gladiolus

DIVISION RHIZOMES, TUBERS

One (1) stem

- Any rhizome or tuber
- Dahlia
- Daylily

DIVISION FLOWERING SHRUB

One (1) stem or spray

- Rose (any)
- Hydrangea
- Other

DIVISION HANGING & CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

- Hanging - foliage
- Hanging - flowering
- Container - foliage
- Container - flowering
- Container - cactus
- Container - succulent
- Container - gesneriads
- Terrariums & dish gardens
- Trough gardens
- Recycled Container Garden

DIVISION NATIVE PLANTS

Native plant lists can be found at npsnj.org/native-plants/plant-lists

Collection of three (3) stems, one (1) species

- Herbaceous Flowers
- Herbaceous Grasses

One (1) stem or spray

- Shrub Flower

On-Site Native Plant Flower Arranging Competition

Hosted By NPSNJ

Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.

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* *Indicating native plants in the general plant divisions*

BAKED GOODS

JUDGING CRITERIA

All items will be judged on presentation, shape, taste, texture, color and crust. This is an amateur competition. If you sell your baking you are not considered an amateur and will be disqualified.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES:

No cream fillings or cream frostings will be accepted. A recipe for all items entered, must be clearly printed and accompany the entry form. Refrigeration is not available on the fair grounds; therefore, items containing uncooked dairy which may spoil in the heat will not be accepted. Judges reserve the right to refuse to judge any item they feel poses a health risk. Recipes may be released to the press or published by the Monmouth County Park System, including the name of the entrant, with no additional compensation to the entrant. Items should be placed on a disposable plate and covered with clear food wrap.

Baked Goods should be brought to the Fair on "Bakers Day," Saturday, July 26, between 8-11 a.m. Advise the Park Ranger at entrance gate that you are bringing items to the Home & Garden tent. Judging begins at noon. You will be allowed to remove your entry and any attached ribbons from 7-9 p.m., Saturday ONLY. Baked Goods not removed by this time will be discarded. Any ribbons won must be picked up at Deep Cut Gardens during August, Monday-Friday (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

DIVISION CAKES

- Layer Cake
- Cupcakes, five (5)
- Loaf or Ring Cake

DIVISION PIES

- Double crust
- Single crust
- Tarts, five (5)

DIVISION COFFEE CAKE

- Pan
- Loaf
- Ring

DIVISION BREAD, ROLLS

- Yeast Bread (1) or Rolls five (5)
- Sweet Yeast Bread (1) or Rolls five (5)
- Quick Bread (sweet)
- Quick Bread (savory)
- Sweet Buns, five (5)
- Sourdough Bread (1 loaf)

DIVISION BISCUITS, MUFFINS, SCONES

- Biscuits (sweet), five (5)
- Biscuits (savory), five (5)
- Scones, five (5)
- Muffins, five (5)

DIVISION COOKIES, BROWNIES

- Brownies, five (5)
- Donuts, five (5)
- Cookies, five (5)
- Bar Cookies, five (5)

DIVISION VEGAN

- Cake
- Cookies, five (5)
- Muffins, five (5)
- Cupcakes, five (5)

DIVISION GLUTEN FREE

- Cake
- Cupcakes, five (5)
- Cookies, five (5)
- Muffins, five(5)



Daily Demonstrators Include:

- Central Jersey Beekeepers Association
Beekeeping Demonstration
- Park System Deep Cut Gardens Displays
- Park System Creative Arts Center, Wheel Thrown Pottery
- Master Gardeners of Monmouth
- Native Plant Society of NJ

Check the daily schedule for additional demonstrators.

From gardening to craft demonstrations, you can find it all at the Home & Garden tent.



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CLUB INFORMATION

In this section you will find:

- .Fair entry and parking pass information
 - .Popcorn Machine Guidelines
 - .Dunk Tank Guidelines
- .Club Banners and/or Tri-fold
- .Club Games and Crafts

2025 Monmouth County Fair Club Requests

Due June 30th

Club Name: _____

Send to: christine.raza@co.monmouth.nj.us

	Corral	Hilltop
1. How many parking passes does your club need?	_____	_____
<i>Only adult fair volunteers/leaders of a club, judges, sponsors of a specific project and 4-H teen members with a driver's license are eligible.</i>	List the names of each person requesting parking passes.	
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
2. Will your club display a trifold or banner?	Trifold	Banner
YES or NO:	_____	_____
3. Will your club have any games or crafts?	LIST: _____	
4. Do any volunteers need an ID?		
PLEASE LIST NAMES AND INCLUDE A HEADSHOT:		
<i>Only adult volunteers of a club, that have completed all volunteer requirements are eligible.</i>	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
5. How many (youth) member ID's are needed?		
LIST NAMES:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
6. How many guest passes are needed?	Total: _____	
List member name and number of passes requested:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Popcorn and Dunk Tank Request


2025 Monmouth County Fair Club Requests


Due June 30th

Club Name: _____

Send to: christine.raza@co.monmouth.nj.us

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
1. Choose 3 time slots for _____			
2. Choose 3 time slots for _____			

POPCORN MACHINE		2025 Fair	Schedule
80% Club/20% Association			
Club	Day of Week	Time	
	Wednesday 7/23	4:30pm-7pm	
	Wednesday 7/23	7pm-9:30pm	
	Wednesday 7/23	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Thursday 7/24	4:30pm-7pm	
	Thursday 7/24	7pm-9:30pm	
	Thursday 7/24	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Friday 7/25	4:30pm-7pm	
	Friday 7/25	7pm-9:30pm	
	Friday 7/25	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Saturday 7/26	11am-1pm	
	Saturday 7/26	1pm-3pm	
	Saturday 7/26	3pm-5pm	
	Saturday 7/26	5pm-7pm	
	Saturday 7/26	7pm-9pm	
	Saturday 7/26	9pm-11:00pm	
	Sunday 7/27	11:00am-12:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	12:30pm-2:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	2:30pm-4:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	4:30pm-6pm	

DUNKING STOOL		2025 Fair	Schedule
80% Club/20% Association			
Club	Day of Week	Time	
	Wednesday 7/23	4:30pm-7pm	
	Wednesday 7/23	7pm-9:30pm	
	Wednesday 7/23	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Thursday 7/24	4:30pm-7pm	
	Thursday 7/24	7pm-9:30pm	
	Thursday 7/24	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Friday 7/25	4:30pm-7pm	
	Friday 7/25	7pm-9:30pm	
	Friday 7/25	9:30pm-11:00pm	
	Saturday 7/26	11am-1pm	
	Saturday 7/26	1pm-3pm	
	Saturday 7/26	3pm-5pm	
	Saturday 7/26	5pm-7pm	
	Saturday 7/26	7pm-9pm	
	Saturday 7/26	9pm-11:00pm	
	Sunday 7/27	11:00am-12:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	12:30pm-2:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	2:30pm-4:30pm	
	Sunday 7/27	4:30pm-6pm	

Popcorn & Dunking Tank Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR POPCORN AND DUNK TANK:

- 1) All clubs interested in fundraising at the fair must contact the 4-H Secretary with their desired shifts using the instructions on the following page. The amount earned will be split 80% to the club and 20% to the Association. Clubs will receive a check for their earnings (80%) in September.
- 2) A leader or adult (21 & over) must be present at all times during the shift with a minimum of three 4-H'ers. Protection of Minors policy must be followed.
- 3) Keep area clean - drinks, refreshments, etc. should not be on the table. Personal belongings should be away from the view of the public.
- 4) Report any equipment or other problems to 4-H Staff.
- 5) An apron and cash box with \$25 in singles for start-up will be given to the club at the beginning of their shift. The leader should count the money to make sure it is the correct amount. Once the shift is complete, the leader will bring all of the money to the 4-H staff table where it will be counted and a receipt will be issued.

SHIFT SUPERVISOR:

- 1) Each club should appoint an adult volunteer as the **Supervisor** for their shifts. This person will have the responsibility of assisting and managing the club members.
- 2) The shift supervisor will also be responsible for contacting club members should a shift be canceled or changed. This person will also follow up with club families who are arriving late to the shift time.

POPCORN MACHINE GUIDELINES:

- 1) Please see the guidelines above and review with your club prior to operation.
- 2) Hands must be **sanitized** prior to use of popcorn machine. The person handling the money should not be the person handling popcorn.
- 3) Popcorn sellers must stay in front of the 4-H Exhibit tent. You may not go into the Show Tent or down the sides of the 4-H Exhibit tent.
- 4) The club with the last shift of the day is responsible for cleaning the machine.

DUNK TANK GUIDELINES:

- 1) Please see the guidelines above and review with your club prior to operation.
- 2) The following safety rules are specific to the Dunking Tank:
 - a. A strict age limit for sitting on the dunking stool will be followed. 4-H members must be 13 years and older to be dunked. Younger members may collect money, return balls, etc. If a club needs a volunteer to be dunked during their shift, the leader is encouraged to contact the 4-H Office for names for potential helpers.
 - b. Appropriate/4-H Attire for the 4-H Dunking Stool must be followed and includes:
 - ☐ Shoes must be worn outside of the dunk tank
 - ☐ Bathing suits will be worn in the dunk tank
 - ☐ If wearing a two piece bathing suit, a cover up must be worn
 - ☐ Remember to bring a large beach towel and dry change of clothes
 - ☐ Silly 'dress-ups' are encouraged
 - ☐ All others should be in proper attire - shoes and street clothes over bathing suits.
 - c. In the event of lightning or dangerous weather conditions or malfunction of the equipment, the booth will be closed by the adult supervisor.
 - d. Refill when the water level is below the window to ensure the participant's safety.

It is required that clubs arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled shift to ensure an easy shift change.

Guidelines for Club Tri-Fold and Club Banner

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB TRI-FOLD AND BANNER:

- 1) Each club/advisory can create an eye-catching promotional Tri-fold and/or Banner.
- 2) Get your club's/advisory's creative juices flowing! Invite all 4-H'ers to participate with the design and construction. Encourage individual input, new ideas, and ask what best unifies or represents the club as a whole. Adult leaders and parents can give guidance to the 4-H'ers, but the members should be the ones to participate in the construction of the banner and/or tri-fold.
- 3) If 4-H members' names are included, only include 1st name and initial of last name.
- 4) Each club/advisory may enter only one tri-fold and one banner.

CLUB TRI-FOLD:

A club Tri-fold serves as a promotional billboard for each Monmouth County 4-H club or advisory group and will be featured in the 4-H Exhibit Tent.

- 1) Each club/advisory will be assigned a space within the 4-H Exhibit Tent to hang up their tri-fold. Within your space, feel free to add a small display below your tri-fold, such as plants or props. You can also string lights around your tri-fold for a great effect!
- 2) Each Tri-fold must include the three approved emblems. These will be provided to you by the 4-H office.
- 3) Tri-Fold setup will be at **5-7pm on Wednesday, July 23** in the 4-H Exhibit Tent. All clubs/advisory's are responsible for setup and take down of their tri-folds, leaving the area completely cleaned.
- 4) Tri-Folds must be kept intact throughout the fair. Check on them daily. If you have plants, remember to water them.
- 5) On Sunday, tri-folds must be removed by 7:00pm. The Park System, 4-H Staff, or 4-H Association will not be responsible for any items left on the fairgrounds after that time.

CLUB BANNER:

Banners are displayed within the project specific 4-H tents during the fair. Besides the fair, banners are used to promote a club at events such as parades and expositions.

Banners should include the club name, the official 4-H clover, and pictures.

- 1) A club/advisory banner is not a requirement.
- 2) The minimum banner size is 24" by 36".
- 3) Banners should be constructed out of cloth or vinyl.
- 4) There is no official banner setup time. Set up your club's/advisory's banner as a display during specific presentations, shows, or hang it throughout the entire duration of the fair.

Club Tri-Fold and Banner Guidelines

Have fun and try to incorporate the following:

- Workmanship and originality (displays craftsmanship and creativity)
- General appearance (neatness, legibility, and clarity)
- Teamwork (involves cooperative effort of club members in its construction)
- Identification of club and project area.
- Make it unique and original!

CLUB TRI-FOLD EXAMPLE:

Tri-Folds should include:

Club name, information, date/time of meetings, recap of the year's activities, the official 4-H clover, the Monmouth County emblem, the Rutgers NJAES logo, and pictures/clip art

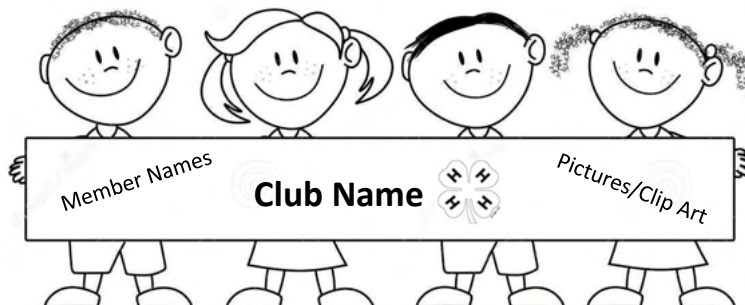


*** 4-H Clubs are responsible for obtaining their own tri-fold. Upon request the 4-H office will provide digital copies of the 3 required emblems to be sized for your club's tri-fold.**

****Protect your board against the weather with plastic so that it will remain fresh throughout the fair and for continued use at other events. A sealed clear shower curtain works well!**

CLUB BANNER EXAMPLE:

Banners should include: Club Name and the official 4-H logo.
Banners may also include: member first names, and/or pictures.



Club Game and Craft Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB GAME AND CRAFT TABLE:

- 1) Any Monmouth County 4-H Club or Advisory Group may operate a game or craft.
- 2) Only a limited number of entries will be accepted. The 4-H office reviews all requests.
- 3) Each game booth or craft must be supervised by a minimum of one adult leader or parent/legal guardian and 2 club members during game operation. Protection of Minors policy must be followed.
- 4) Clubs may "cover" for each other and/or assist each other in their game or craft. Arrangements for covering games/crafts will be made between clubs involved, but the Fair Chair has the authority to intervene if the arrangement spreads the workers too thin.
- 5) No adult shall supervise more than one game or craft at a time
- 6) Each Club/Advisory Group will be responsible for handling their own game or craft fees. You will need your own change.
- 7) No live animals may be used in any way unless specifically approved by the 4-H office.
- 8) Games and crafts must be safe (no sharp objects or use of glass, etc.) and must be operated at no threat to the health, safety, and welfare of adults, children, or animals.
- 9) Fair Chairs/Staff are not responsible for any club equipment or supplies left overnight at the Fair. Overnight storage in fair tents is done at the club's own risk.

CLUB GAME GUIDELINES:

- 1) All clubs must register using the form on page 52.
- 2) Any Monmouth County 4-H Club or Advisory Group may operate a **maximum of 2** game booths for the entirety of the fair.
- 3) All material and prizes for booths must be supplied by the club.
- 4) Each booth will display a sign (on wood or sturdy paper) stating: *club name, name of game, cost to play.*
Example: "The Busy Beavers present...the 4-H Clover Toss...25¢ for three tosses!"
- 5) Clubs may not dispose of game booths in the fair dumpster.

CLUB CRAFT GUIDELINES:

- 1) All clubs must register using the form on page 52.
- 2) Any Monmouth County 4-H Club may operate a **maximum of 2** craft tables for the entirety of the fair.
- 3) All craft items must have some handcrafted or homemade feature, and could be a purchased item decorated or embellished by members.

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