

PREPARE FOR THE FAIR!

2015 NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR[®]/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

Deadlines

Wednesday, July 1	Entry Forms, Record Books and Fair Parade Forms Due at 4-H Office
Wednesday, July 8	Fair Pass Request Form Due at 4-H Office
Tuesday, August 4	NORWESCAP food donations due at Shotwell Building

IMPORTANT FAIR DATES

Date	Event	Time
Saturday, July 18	Shotwell Building Set up	9-3pm
Sunday July 26	Drop off projects (Forestry & Conservation, Child Care, Home Furnishings, Arts & Crafts, Art, Ceramics, Needlecraft, Photography, Construction, Hobbies & Collections) at Shotwell Bldg.	3-5 pm
Tuesday July 28	Drop off projects (Woodcraft Engineering, Shooting Sports, Club Booth and Cloverbud Display, Clothing) at Shotwell Bldg & Booth set up	3-9 pm
Wednesday July 29	Drop off projects (Woodcraft Engineering, Shooting Sports, Club Booth and Cloverbud Display, Clothing) at Shotwell Bldg & Booth set up	3-9 pm
Friday July 31	2015 NJSF/SCFHS Begins!	
Friday July 31	Drop off Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers & Herbs at Shotwell Bldg	9-11 am
Friday July 31	75 th Anniversary Parade Start from Big Red Barn	6:00pm
Friday July 31	Opening Ceremonies in Main Horse Arena	7:00pm
Tuesday August 4	NORWESCAP food drive (<i>see page 6 for more information</i>)	
Tuesday August 4	Cloverbud Carnival (in Ag Arena)	2pm
Wednesday August 5	Food project judging (Shotwell Building)	9-1pm
Thursday August 6	Round Robin Showmanship (Ag Arena)	8-10 pm
Sunday August 9	Premium and Ribbon Pick Up, Project Pick Up, Club Booth Breakdown.	5-7 pm

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The 2015 Fair will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31 and continue until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9.

4-H Exhibit Catalog

The [2015 4-H Exhibit Catalog](#) and registration forms are available for download from the Sussex 4-H Website (www.sussex4h.org) or the NJSF®/SCFHS (<http://www.newjerseystatefair.org/>).

You may download the 2015 Exhibit Catalogue and entry forms from the websites above. If you are unable to do so, please contact the office to request a hard copy.

You may have entries in more than one department. For example, livestock members are invited (encouraged!) to submit art work (paintings, photographs, pastels, etc.) and/or crafts (models, collections, albums, etc.). Information for entering exhibits in the Shotwell Building is included in the 2015 Exhibit Catalogue.

Please Note: registration and member entry forms for the 2015 NJSF®/SCFHS are no longer pink (some copies are available in pink). Registration forms may be completed on your computer, manually signed and submitted on white paper (stock).

UP-TO-DATE PROJECT RECORD BOOKS

To be eligible for fair passes your project record books must be submitted to the 4-H Office by July 1st. If your project is not complete (your project is competing at the fair or you have competitions after the fair) your record book should still be up-to-date and submitted.

For those whose record books will not be complete by 7/1...

An up-to-date record book should include:

- **Start of Year Goals**—completed and signed,
- **Activities/Events**—up-to-date including club meetings, competitions attended, participation in public presentations and club meetings
- **Financial Records** (up-to-date; totals are not required)
- **Fair Review Signatures*** (signatures by the member, parent and club leader required)

*adhesive labels are available upon request from the 4-H Office.

All books are due July 1 and should be completed with all appropriate signatures. Any books turned in without the proper signatures (i.e. start of year goals and fair review or end of year) will not be accepted.

After the Fair, you may submit your record books for year-end evaluation. At this time, the books should be complete—end-of-year signatures must be included.

A completed record book should include the above sections completed, as well as:

- *Looking Back* (reflections on the year's accomplishments)
- *Thinking Ahead* (goals for the coming year)
- *Financial Records* totals for all areas including the net project cost table
- *4-H Story*, and all end-of-year signatures.

FAIR PASSES

Fair passes are provided to regular 4-H members in recognition of their participation in the 4-H program and service to the Fair.

It is important that we are able to show the contributions Sussex County 4-H makes towards the success of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

4-H Regular Members

- Enrolled in 4-H by 1/1/15
- 4-H Member in Good Standing (and other criteria as established by your club).
- Up-to-date project record book submitted to the Sussex 4-H Office (completed or with fair review signature sticker) no later than 7/1/15
- 70% attendance at club meetings (or better)
- Made a club level presentation (Regular 4-H members)

Cloverbud Members

- Enrolled in 4-H by 1/1/15
- Record book--*not required*
- 70% attendance at club meetings (or better)
- County level presentation--*not required*

Receiving a fair pass is not just an invitation to attend the Fair; 4-H members are expected to help out. On the registration form there is an area for the member to indicate their participation.

- 4-H members with livestock are expected to work with their club in preparing for shows, caring for their animals and answering questions from the public about their animals during the time they are at the Fair. Consider displaying educational posters, giving tours or sponsoring a story hour for your club's project area.
- 4-H Teen Council members are required to sign-up for shifts in the Dairy Barn
- 4-H members in other clubs are invited to work with their fellow members in designing and constructing a club booth display (before the Fair)—they are also responsible for taking it down at the end of the Fair.
- All members may exhibit their projects (such as arts, crafts, photography) in the Shotwell Building (under the guidelines in the 2015 Exhibit Catalogue)
- All members of age (12 and up) are encouraged to work a shift at the Ag Division Food Booth. Many clubs take a shift together. You can [sign-up online here](#) or contact CeCe Pattison at 973-383-4109 or cece@blindbrookfarm.com

There are many other opportunities to volunteer during the Fair. If a member did not qualify for a Fair pass, they may receive day passes to volunteer at the Fair. See section below on *Volunteering at the Fair*

Please be sure to sign your pass!

SHOTWELL BUILDING

If parents or adult volunteers are available to help with setting up the Shotwell Building on **Saturday, July 18** (between 9 am to noon), please call Dave Foord at (973) 948-3040.

Exhibit Drop-Off Schedule		
Date	Department	Time
Sunday, July 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry & Conservation• Child Care• Home Furnishings Arts & Crafts• Art Ceramics• Needlecraft• Photography• Construction• Hobbies & Collections	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28 Wednesday, July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodcraft Engineering• Shooting Sports• Club Booth and Cloverbud Display• Clothing	3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetables• Herbs, Flowers, Fruits	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foods & Nutrition• Baked Goods• Food Preservation	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-H INFORMATION TABLE IN THE 4-H BUILDING

Register to do a shift at the 4-H Information Table during fair week.

We are asking every club to sign-up for a two-hour shift at the information table in the Shotwell 4-H Building. Shifts are simple and painless. All you have to do is distribute information promoting 4-H, talk about your 4-H experiences, and help children and adults sign up to receive information about registering as a 4-H member or becoming an adult volunteer.

Day passes may be issued for people willing to serve for a two-or four-hour shift.

You may [sign up for a shift online](#) or by calling the 4-H Office at 973-948-3040.

CLUB BOOTH THEME

The theme for the 4-H club booth displays for the 2015 NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is **4-H + Fair = 75 years of FUN!**

This year the NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. This year's theme invites 4-H clubs to display how your club or program area has participated in the fair since it began. Some clubs have been around a long time, while others are relatively new. 4-H members should consider change over time as an overall theme. For example, what would it have been like to be in your 4-H club that 75 years ago? What has changed or endured as part of the 4-H experience? To promote conservation and keep 4-H green, please reuse or use recycled materials in your design. Creative interpretation of the theme and use of green materials will be among the criteria used by those judging the booths.

If you would like to reserve a booth you can [sign up here](#):

You will still need to complete a [Shotwell Building Registration Form](#) to register for the fair.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SUSSEX COUNTY 4-H/NORWESCAP FOOD DRIVE

Lisa Connelly has agreed to coordinate the annual Sussex County 4-H/NORWESCAP Food Drive. There will be a pre-collection for 4-H clubs that wish to participate. When clubs come to set up their club booth displays, there will be a brown bag with a note requesting the bags be filled with non-perishable foods and left under the booths/tables by **Tuesday, August 4.**

The following is a suggested list of non-perishable items:

Stew	Tuna fish	Toothbrushes	Paper goods: (tissues, napkins, and individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper and paper towels)
Soup	Cereal	Toothpaste	
Beans	Juice	Soaps	
Canned fruit and vegetables	Rice pasta	Shampoos	
Jelly	Pasta sauce	Laundry detergent	
Peanut butter			

Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in the past. We look forward to everyone's participation. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Tanya in the 4-H Office.

The 4-H Hodgepodge Market

This year the market will set up in a small tent just outside the Shotwell building. All clubs are invited and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to raise funds during the Fair to support their club's activities throughout the year. A tally is kept so your club keeps all the money they earn from the sale of their merchandise.

The following is asked of those who participate:

- At least 2 club representatives must be present at the market booth to handle their club's sales and money.
- All items must be individually wrapped or packaged (if applicable) and priced. All items for sale are to be listed and emailed to Mrs. Connelly when registering for a space at the market.
- All clubs must be scheduled in advance by Mrs. Connelly. **Deadline is July 1st.**
- This is a *first come first served* opportunity. If you want a particular time, please reserve it as early as possible! We'd like to have the Hodgepodge Market open from the open to close every day so there's plenty of open availability for everyone!
- Each club that participates will take a turn manning the booth (volunteers are also being sought!)

Your club's merchandise can be purchased for resale or items made by your club members. But, the best-selling items last year were crafted by 4-H members!

If your club has is interested in participating in the 2015 Hodgepodge Market please contact Lisa Connelly as soon as possible. outofhermindcreations@gmail.com or 973-262-1076.

PICK-UP OF EXHIBIT ITEMS

Items must remain on display until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9.

Starting at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, exhibitors will have one hour to pick up their items.

Any items left after 7:00 pm on Sunday, August 9 will be discarded unless prior pick up arrangements have been made with Dave Foord, Tanya Patrie, or Lisa Connelly

FUN 4-H ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE FAIR

The following events have been scheduled at the fair livestock arena. Please contact Dave or Tanya at the 4-H office, (973) 948-3040, for more information, help with these activities, or become a member of the committee responsible for an activity.

75th Anniversary Opening Ceremony Parade

Friday July 31, 6-8 pm

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Fair, a parade is being organized. There are three sections to the parade representing its history, present and future. 4-H members represent the future of the Fair!

Those participating in the parade will assemble in the area of the big red barn near the front road entrance. The parade will step off at 6:00pm. All will parade around the Fairgrounds on the interior roads, starting at Gate 2 (the big gate), going down Park Road, turning onto Horticulture Way, turning onto Main St. and then heading into the Horse Show ring. All are invited and encouraged to participate, but the parade must move along at a reasonable pace. We also want to make sure that all animals, children and adults are safe.

The Opening Ceremony starts at 7:00 in the Horse Show ring. Not all may be able to enter the show ring, depending on the number of participants. Those who would like to participate to complete the [parade entry form](#) and return it to the 4-H office **before July 1** so we can better help the fair coordinate this event.

4-H Round Robin

Thursday, August 6, 8-10pm Livestock Arena

4-H members who win the Junior or Senior showmanship honors in one of the following shows: 4-H Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat and Alpaca are automatically entered to participate in the Showmanship activity. Participants will receive a quick lesson on showing each animal and then are required to demonstrate what they've learned. The quickest Junior and Senior learners with the best skills will receive a \$50 check.

A time proven strategy for success is to travel barn to barn and learn how to show different animals from fellow 4-H'ers!

Cloverbud Carnival

Tuesday, August 4, 2-3pm Livestock Arena

Includes FREE, fun activities for **Cloverbud-aged children (K-3rd Grade)** and their families. The children receive tickets for participating in the activities and redeem these for inexpensive prizes.

Please contact Cathy Lawrick at (973) 827-7059 or RMRS1958@YAHOO.COM if you would like to help with or donate prizes to this year's 4-H Cloverbud Carnival. Clubs are welcome to setup their own stations or facilitate others.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FAIR

Community service and volunteering to help are part of 4-H. We encourage all to volunteer whenever/wherever possible at the fair. The success of the NJSF®/SCFHS has been built on the contributions of hundreds of local volunteers over the years (including 4-H members, parents, and leaders).

AG DIVISION FOOD BOOTH—COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT THE FAIR LIVESTOCK PAVILION FOOD BOOTH

DESCRIPTION: Help adults with cooking, serving and other activities related to managing the Food Booth for the Agricultural Division of the Fair. Profits from the food booth are used to support animal project activities at the fair. This is also a great opportunity to meet 4-H members from other clubs.

Shifts are 4 hours.

You must be 12 years of age or older to volunteer behind the counter (liability concerns). Younger members can help clear and clean tables

DATE: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

CONTACT: CeCe Pattison, (973) 383-4109 or cece@blindbrookfarm.com or [sign up online here](#)

4-H INFORMATION TABLE

DESCRIPTION: Share information about 4-H with interested adults or youth Shifts are 2 hours

You must be 14 years of age or bring along an adult to help

DATE: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

CONTACT: Tanya Patrie (patrie@aesop.rutgers.edu) or Dave Foord (foord@rce.rutgers.edu)

Or sign up online at: <http://doodle.com/76yk2tf62dh3uvsh#>

PRESENTATION AND/OR DEMONSTRATION AT THE BILL BENNETT LEARNING CENTER (in SHOTWELL BUILDING)

DESCRIPTION: The stage is open! You are invited to share 4-H demonstration or your county level public presentation at the Bill Bennett Learning Center Stage in the Shotwell Building. You can demonstrate a skill you learned in 4-H about how to care for your rabbit/chicken/cow/pig, etc. or how you made that nifty bicycle wheel wind turbine. Demonstrations are highly encouraged.

No age requirement!

DATE: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

CONTACT: Lisa Connelly, (outofhermindcreations@gmail.com), (973) 756-7118

CLOVER, THE 4-H ROVER!

DESCRIPTION: Dress up as the lovable, animated 4-H mascot *Clover, the 4-H Rover*. Walk around the Fair, greet, shake hands and pose with young fair goers.

Must be 15 years of age or older

DATE: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

CONTACT: Tanya Patrie (patrie@aesop.rutgers.edu) or Dave Foord (foord@rce.rutgers.edu)

CLOVERBUD CARNIVAL

DESCRIPTION: Help adults and older 4-H members with various jobs and tasks related to the carnival held for Cloverbud age 4-H members (K-3rd grade)

Regular 4-H members are encouraged to volunteer; younger members will need a parent to assist setting up, helping during the Carnival and breaking it down will take approximately 2 hours.

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 4th, 2:00-3:00 pm

CONTACT: Cathy Lawrick (RMRS1958@YAHOO.COM) (973) 459-1058

FARMERS MARKET

DESCRIPTION: Work in the Farmers Market assisting customers with the sale of local produce.

DATES: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

AGE: 14 years or older

CONTACT: Frances at 973-948-9950.

NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR ROOSTER MASCOT

DESCRIPTION: Dress up as the NJSF Rooster Mascot. Walk around the Fair, greet, shake hands and pose with young fair goers.

AGE: *Must be 15 years of age or older.*

DATE: Throughout the Fair (7/31-8/9)

CONTACT: Barbara Wortmann, (973) 948-5500

4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The 4-H Code of Conduct appears on permission forms and registration forms for the fair. It represents a standard of behavior for 4-H members and their parents. By signing, parents and members agree to behave in accordance with the "Code". As with so many documents we sign, the Code may be overlooked or believed to be understood.

Please review the 4-H Code of Conduct and remember to follow it.

For most who read the Code its requirements don't seem stringent or unreasonable. It asks all members of the 4-H community (parents, leaders and members) to practice consideration for others, good sportsmanship and honesty. None of these should be difficult to observe, they should come naturally.

Everyone should remember that at the fair you represent not just your club but the *whole* 4-H program. How leaders, parents and members behave reflects on all of 4-H. This is not just *in the ring* or during competition but everywhere. People generally have a very positive impression of the 4-H program. They read, hear and may have even seen 4-H clubs doing community service or marching in a parade. They come to the fair each year expecting to see 4-H'ers demonstrate their skill, expertise and poise. The positive behavior demonstrated by 4-H'ers is part of the reason people return to the fair year after year.

And while good behavior reinforces people's impression of 4-H, it takes only one bad incident to embarrass the whole program. Unfortunately people generalize so when they see bad behavior by one person, they associate it with the whole group.

Participating in the fair isn't just about *you*. It should be a celebration of what your entire club has achieved. Take time to recognize what others have done whether they're new members just starting out or long time members demonstrating skills they've learned over their years in 4-H. During the fair check out what other clubs have done. We have a big program in Sussex County see what 4-H means to others.

2015 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE *TENTATIVE**

Friday, July 31st, 2015	4-H Model Horse Show	9:00am-11:00am
	4-H Beef Obstacle Course	4:00pm-6:00pm
	4-H Dog Demo and Show	7:30pm
Saturday August 1st, 2015	No 4-H events scheduled.	
Sunday, August 2nd, 2015	4-H Horse Show	Time TBD
	4-H Swine Show (in Barn 4)	4:00pm
	4-H Rabbit & Small Animal Show	6:00pm-10:00pm
Monday, August 3rd, 2015	4-H Dairy Goat Show	9:00am-5:00pm
	4-H Market Goat Show	1:00pm-5:00pm
	4-H Swine Show (in Barn 4)	4:00pm
	4-H Beef Show	5:30pm-8:00pm
Tuesday, August 4th, 2015	4-H Market Lamb Show	9:00am-10:00am
	4-H Cow Kids Show	10:00am-12:00pm
	4-H Cloverbud Carnival	2:00pm-3:00pm
	4-H Market Animal Social followed by Auction/Sale	5:00pm-10:00pm
Wednesday, August 5th, 2015	4-H Junior Dairy Show	9:00am-5:00pm
Thursday, August 6th, 2015	4-H Sheep Breed Show	1:00pm-6:00pm
	4-H Round Robin Contest	8:00pm-10:00pm
Friday, August 7th, 2015	4-H Goat Costume Class	4:30pm-5:30pm
	4-H Rabbit & Small Animal Costume Contest	5:30pm-6:30pm
	4-H Sheep Obstacle Course and Costume Contest	6:30pm-7:30pm
	4-H Dog Agility Demonstrations	7:30pm-9:00pm (tentative)
Saturday, August 8th, 2015	4-H Seeing Eye Demonstration	6:00pm-7:30pm
Sunday, August 9th, 2015	4-H Alpaca Show	9:00am-3:00pm

*Scheduling of all events in the Ag Arena is subject to change at the discretion of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS.