

PREPARE FOR THE FAIR!

2017 NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR®/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

Deadlines

**Friday,
June 30**

Entry Forms, Record Books, & and Fair Pass Request Forms Due at 4-H Office

IMPORTANT FAIR DATES

Date	Event	Time
Saturday, July 15	Shotwell Building Set up (Volunteers Needed)	9-3pm
Saturday, July 29	Rabbit Clubs Power Washing at 8am, Cage set ups at 7pm.	8am, 7pm
Sunday, July 30	Drop off projects (Forestry & Conservation, Child Care, Home Furnishings, Arts & Crafts, Art, Ceramics, Needlecraft, Photography, Construction, Hobbies & Collections, Woodcraft, Canine & Feline Studies) at Shotwell Bldg.	3-5 pm
Tuesday, August 1	Club booth set up and Project Specific Drop off (Shooting Sports, Club Banner/Sign, Clothing) at Shotwell Bldg.	3-9 pm
Wednesday, August 2	Club booth set up and Project Specific Drop off (Shooting Sports, Club Banner/Sign, Clothing) at Shotwell Bldg.	3-9 pm
Thursday, August 3	Registered clubs Hodgepodge Market Drop off at the Shotwell Bldg.	5-8 pm
Friday, August 4	Rabbit & Small Animal Check-in & Drop off	7-9 pm
Friday, August 4	2017 NJSF/SCFHS Begins!	10 am
Friday, August 4	Rabbit & Small Animal Check-in & Drop off	8am-9:30m
Friday, August 4	Drop off Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers & Herbs at Shotwell Bldg.	9-11 am
Friday, August 4	Opening Ceremonies in Ag. Arena	7:00 pm
Saturday, August 5	Shotwell Spotlight 4-H Open House *NEW*	11 am-2 pm
Tuesday, August 8	Market Animal Social and Auction	5-9 pm
Wednesday, August 9	4-H Food Judging (entries should arrive by 9:30 am)	10-2 pm
Wednesday, August 9	Cloverbud Carnival (in Ag Pavilion)	6-8 pm
Thursday, August 10	Lois Chamming Best of the Best Awards	7:45 pm
Thursday, August 10	Round Robin Showmanship (Ag Arena)	8-10 pm
Saturday, August 12	4-H Makers Day *NEW*	11 am-2 pm
Sunday, August 13	Premium and Ribbon Pick Up, Project Pick Up, Club Booth Breakdown.	5-7 pm

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The 2017 Fair will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 4 and continue until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13.

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 June 30th. 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 project record books will still be a work in progress by 6/30...

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 June 30 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, prior in-complete record books should be submit for year-end evaluation. 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 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 1/1/17
- 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 6/30/17.
- 70% attendance at club meetings (or better)
- Made a club or county level presentation (Regular 4-H members) as required by individual clubs.

Cloverbud Members

- Enrolled in 4-H by 1/1/17
- Record book--*not required*
- 70% attendance at club meetings (or better)
- Club 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. Entry Forms for Livestock Clubs can be found at www.sussex4h.org.
- 4-H Teen Council members are required to sign-up for 3-4 shifts in the Dairy Barn
- Act as a 4-H Ambassador in the Shotwell Building. Be available to answer questions about 4-H and the displays and crafts displayed. You could also present a public presentation on a topic you've learned about in 4-H. You can sign up online here: [Shotwell Building Sign-up](#)
- All members may exhibit their projects (such as arts, crafts, photography) in the Shotwell Building (under the guidelines in the [2017 Exhibit Catalogue](#)). If you have items on display as your only entries in the fair, it is highly encouraged that you assist in staffing the Shotwell building
- 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
- Meet and greet the public dressed as [Clover the 4-H Mascot](#).
- Assist with sales at the 4-H Hodgepodge Market outside of the Shotwell building.

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*.

BE SURE TO SIGN AND CARE FOR YOUR FAIR PASS!
YOU WILL NOT BE ISSUED A REPLACEMENT IF LOST OR DAMAGED.

4-H Exhibit Catalog

The [2017 4-H Exhibit Catalog](#) and [exhibit registration form](#) are available for download from the Sussex 4-H Website (www.sussex4h.org).

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 2017 Exhibit Catalogue.

Please be aware that there have been changes and addition to the following departments, so be sure to double check section and class # before filling out the Shotwell Building Entry Form:

- **Department 14—Home Furnishings** class 13 becomes Seasonal Door/Wall Decor
- **Department 15—Creative Arts** class 28 becomes *T-Shirt Art*, club t-shirts or other designs are eligible
- **Department 18—Photography**, complete change to this department so read the catalog carefully before entering your project. There is now a category for cell phone photographs. Other categories have been changed to make entering photographs less confusing.
- **Department 23—Educational Club Booth** now has sub categories so that clubs can enter their Parade Banners and Signs as well as Club Posters, etc. This is open to both Regular and Prep Clubs. There is no longer a Department 6.
- **Department 4 – Forestry & Conservation** now has a section for Fishing Studies (FIS). Please review to ensure your entry is place into the correct Class.
- **Department 13 – Needlecraft** many changes made to this department, specifically Section A-Knitting and Section B-Crocheting. Please read the catalog carefully before entering your project.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AT DROP OFF!

Please be sure to follow the entry rules carefully to ensure your project is properly entered. Entries that are not properly entered may be subject to disqualification. YOU (member/parent) are responsible for properly entering your project (or reviewing your child's entry form). If the maximum number of projects entered for a class or department is exceeded, project(s) may also be disqualified.

If you have any questions on what Department, Section or Class a project should be entered under, check with the Director of the Shotwell Building Exhibits, Karyn Carter, at karyn1213@gmail.com or 973-903-2181 or call/email the 4-H Office. Emailing a picture of the entry would be best.

Registration forms may be completed on your computer, manually signed and submitted on white paper. This is in place of the former "pink entry sheet".

SHOTWELL BUILDING

If any volunteers are available to assist in setting up the Shotwell Building. Help is needed on **Saturday, July 15** (between 9 am to 3pm), please call Dave Foord at (973) 948-3040. We will be dusting off and putting together displays and booths.

The following is the schedule of when entries should be dropped off/checked into the Shotwell Building:

Exhibit Drop-Off Schedule		
Date	Department	Time
Sunday, July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry & Conservation• Child Care• Home Furnishings Arts & Crafts• Art Ceramics• Needlecraft• Photography• Construction• Hobbies & Collections• Woodcraft Engineering	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 1 Wednesday, August 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Club Booth Display• Clothing• Shooting Sports	3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday, August 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetables• Herbs, Flowers, Fruits	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foods & Nutrition• Baked Goods• Food Preservation	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Please be patient at the Sunday drop-off, as we will be making changes to our Pre-Fair Drop-off/check-in procedures.

Again be sure to review the [2017 Exhibit Catalog](#) when placing your entry into a category as they were many changes and additions made to the catalog this year and lasts, specifically: Arts & Crafts, Photography, Forestry & Conservation, and the Needlecraft departments. Also we will be strictly enforcing that no entry be as result of a school project/assignment. Entries to be found as such will be disqualified. A guide to filling out the Shotwell Entry form can be found [here](#).

'Note card(s)' for your exhibit(s) are also welcome. These are index cards that are placed with your Shotwell Building entries on display. They answer questions such as; What I learned while making this project; What inspired me to make/do this project; etc.. These cards help the Judges understand the motivation behind each project and understand the work that went into each entry and award accordingly.

CLUB BOOTH THEME

The theme for the 4-H club booth displays for the 2017 NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show is ***Learning by Doing!***

This year we are expanding on the 4-H slogan “Learn by Doing”. Your club booth should display how the 4 H's have been reflected in your club's activities. We want to see how your club has learned and /or exhibited Head Heart, Hands, and Health this project year.

Just a reminder that booths should be a collaborative effort by the club members.

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.

You will need to complete the [NEW Club booth registration form](#) to register for the fair and reserve your booth. Forms are due by June 30 to the 4-H office.

4-H INFORMATION TABLE IN THE SHOTWELL BUILDING

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.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SUSSEX COUNTY 4-H/NORWESCAP FOOD DRIVE

Sussex County 4-H has once again teamed up with NORWESCAP to sponsor a Non-Perishable Food Drive during the fair. This will be an ongoing event throughout the fair. There will be a collection bin in the Shotwell Building, as well as, the famous life like “Piggy Bank” accepting monetary donations.

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

Stews	Tuna fish	Toothbrushes	Paper goods: tissues,
Soup	Cereal	Toothpaste	napkins, and individually
Beans	Juice	Soaps	wrapped rolls of toilet
Canned fruit/vegetables	Rice/pasta	Shampoos	paper and paper towel
Jelly & Peanut Butter	Pasta sauce	Laundry detergent	

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.

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 to become a member of the committee responsible for an activity.

Shotwell Spotlight 4-H Open House – Saturday (8/5) 11am-2pm Shotwell Building

Do you wonder just how some of the projects on display are made? Want more information about what the fishing club does? Or just want to explore what else Sussex County 4-H has to offer? Join us on Saturday, August 5 for our first ever Shotwell Spotlight from 11 am- 2 pm in the Shotwell Building. We will be featuring the project areas that exhibit in the Shotwell Building through demonstrations, make & take projects, activities and displays.

If you would like to present or your club would like to help during this event or donate supplies please contact Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com. This event is open to both 4-H and the public.

Cloverbud Carnival - Wednesday (8/9) 6-8pm Ag. Pavilion

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 tickets 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.

4-H Round Robin - Thursday (8/10), 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, Dog, 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!

4-H Makers Day – Saturday (8/12), 11am-2pm Shotwell Building

To coincide with this year's booth theme "Learn By Doing" we will be hosting a Maker Day on Saturday, August 12 from 11 am -2 pm at the Shotwell Building. The maker movement in the United States isn't just a hobby; it's having a significant impact on school curriculum development and growing local economies. To celebrate making and maker culture, we have decided to add this event to this year's schedule. During this event there will be demonstrations, displays and challenges to bring out the maker in you. Are you into it?

If you would like to help during this event ie. lead a challenge, present a demonstration, etc. or donate supplies please contact Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com . This event is open to both 4-H and the public.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FAIR

Community service and volunteering to help are part of 4-H. We encourage all to volunteers 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).

4-H AMBASSADOR/INFORMATION TABLE REPRESENTATIVE

DESCRIPTION: Act as an Ambassador for 4-H in the Shotwell Building. Be available to share information about and answer questions about 4-H. Also share knowledge about the items and exhibits displayed. Shifts are 2 hours.

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

DATE: Throughout the Fair (8/4-8/13)

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

Or sign up online at: [4-H Ambassador/Information table sign up](#)

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

DESCRIPTION: Help with food prep, 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, as well as, gaining work experience. Shifts are 2-4 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 (8/5-8/14)

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

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: Wednesday, August 9th, 6:00-8:00 pm

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATION on the BILL BENNETT LEARNING CENTER STAGE (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 (8/4-8/13)

CONTACT: 4-H Office 973-948-3049 or Tanya Patrie (patrie@njaes.rutgers.edu)

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 fair goers young and old.

**Must be 15 years of age or older*

DATE: Throughout the Fair (8/4-8/13)

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

You can also sign up here: [Clover Online sign-up](#)

PICK-UP OF EXHIBIT ITEMS

Starting at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13, club booths and exhibits may begin to be taken down.

This year exhibited items pick up will not begin until 5:30 p.m. Sunday, August 13. We will then allow a few exhibitors at a time to pick up their items in an orderly fashion.

Any items left after 7:00 pm on Sunday, August 13 will be discarded unless prior pick up arrangements have been made with Dave Foord, Tanya Patrie, or Karyn Carter

2017 4-H SHOWS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE IN *TENTATIVE**

Friday, August 4, 2017	4-H Model Horse Show	9:00am-11:00am
	4-H Vegetable, Flowers & Herb Show (Shotwell Bldg.)	9:00am-11:00am
	4-H Beef Obstacle Course	4:00pm-6:00pm
	4-H Horse Show	Time TBD
Saturday, August 5, 2017	Shotwell Spotlight 4-H Open House *NEW*	11:00am – 2:00pm
	4-H Rabbit Clubs' Bake Sale (outside Shotwell Bldg.)	1:00pm-6:00pm
	4-H Swine Show (in Barn 4)	4:00pm
Sunday, August 6, 2017	4-H Swine Show (in Barn 4)	4:00pm
	4-H Rabbit & Small Animal Show	6:00pm-10:00pm
Monday, August 7, 2017	4-H Dairy Goat Show	9:00am-5:00pm
	4-H Market Lamb Show	11:00am
	4-H Cat Show (Shotwell Bldg.)	1:00pm-4:00pm
	4-H Market Goat Show	1:00pm-5:00pm
	4-H Swine Show (in Barn 4)	4:00pm
	4-H Beef Show	5:30pm-9:00pm
Tuesday, August 8, 2017	4-H Cow Kids Showmanship	10:30am-12:00pm
	4-H Market Animal Social followed by Auction/Sale	5:00pm-10:00pm
Wednesday, August 9, 2017	4-H Junior Dairy Show	9:00am-5:00pm
	4-H Foods Judging (Shotwell Bldg.) -followed by bake sale	10:00am-2:00pm
	4-H Cloverbud Carnival (in Ag. Pavilion)	2:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday, August 10, 2017	4-H Sheep Breed Show	1:00pm-6:00pm
	4-H Golf and Dogs & Paws Club awards (Shotwell Building)	6:00pm-7:00pm
	Summer Blossom Open Garden	6:30pm-8:00pm
	Lois Chamings 4-H Best of the Best Awards (Ag Arena)	7:45pm
	4-H Round Robin Contest	8:00pm-10:00pm
Friday, August 11, 2017	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 & Cloverbud Costume Parade	6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday, August 12, 2017	Agriculture Expo (in Barn 1)	Open to close
	4-H Makers Day *NEW*	11:00am- 2:00pm
	4-H Poultry Costume Contest (Shotwell Bldg.)	4:00pm
	Rabbit Clubs' Potluck Dinner	TBD
	4-H Seeing Eye Demonstration	6:00pm-7:00pm
Sunday, August 13, 2017	4-H Alpaca Show	9:00am-3:00pm
	Agriculture Expo (in Barn 1)	Open to close

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

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 other.