

# The 4-H Leaders Digest

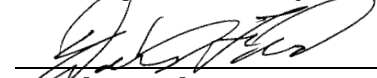
A Notice of Timely Information for Sussex County 4- H Leaders

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To: 4- H Project, Activity, and Resource Leaders

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Re: Important 4- H Information

## Tribute to Gordon B. Shelton

Gordon's 4- H service began 30 years ago. Over his many years of dedication to the 4- H program, he served as a leader of the Branchville Woodworking club, worked in the maintenance department at the Lindley G. Cook 4- H camp, was a member of the 4- H Advisory Council, and most recently, began the 4- H Sharpshooters club. When he wasn't volunteering for 4- H, he was a member of the American Legion Post 157, as well as a member of the NRA. He was very active with SCARC, the ARC of NJ Board, the Guardianship Board, the Human Services Advisory Board, and the Sussex County Agricultural Society. Gordon was a tireless volunteer who gave of himself without reservation. He will be greatly missed by the Sussex County 4- H community.

## Registration Procedure

All clubs and club members must be registered by January 1 to be eligible to participate in any state- level events as well as the 2010 New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show. It states in the Fair Exhibit catalog on page 3, paragraph 4:

*"A 4- H member must be enrolled in a 4- H club by January 1 of the current year to be eligible to exhibit."*

Clubs may accept new members after January 1, but their participation in the fair will be limited, and they will not be eligible for state- level events.

Membership lists have gone out. If you do not receive yours by November 1, please call the 4- H office at 973- 948- 3040. Only project leaders or "key" leaders will be receiving these membership lists. The Martech Youth Enrollment (database) software used by the 4- H office lists all of the members and leaders as *inactive* as the new project year begins. To *reactivate* these members and leaders for the new project year, please return the membership list with any changes to the information on it. Cross out non- members. Please make sure that all addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, and grade levels are current. Any new members must be

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registered on a New Jersey 4- H Club Member Registration Form (4H107), which is available on our website [www.sussex4h.org](http://www.sussex4h.org) under Publications/Forms – 4- H Member Registration.

In 2009- 10 we will be transitioning to a new enrollment system, *ACCESS 4-H*. This program is Internet based and should expand and improve our ability to share information. Among the anticipated benefits will be the ability for you to review all of your club's members and their contact information at any given time. As we learn more about ACCESS 4- H, we'll pass it along.

### **End- of- Project- Year Paperwork**

All year- end paperwork has been mailed to your club's project leader. This paperwork includes county/project medal recommendation forms and the member in good standing project completion forms. Please be sure to return your paperwork by **November 6**. You will receive a phone call when your pins and certificates are ready to be picked up.

### **Project Books**

When you turn in your year- end papers, please turn in all project books that were *not* evaluated at fair time. They will be evaluated and returned with your year- end pins and certificates.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **2009**

October 23	Deadline for 2010 National 4- H Conference Application
October 23, 24 & 30	Picatinny Haunted House
October 31	Halloween Happenings
November 5	Tricky Tray Organizational Meeting
November 7	Camden County 4- H Rabbit/Small Animal Bowl
November 14	Festival of Trees
November 15	Ladies Day Out Vendor Fair
November 21	Wreath Pickup at BBQ Pavilion at Fairgrounds
November 28	Newton Holiday Parade

#### **2010**

February 12- 14	Winter Camp
February 27	State Horse Bowl – Burlington County
March 20	Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium
April 24	Rutgers Day & State 4- H Dog Show
June 12	State 4- H Public Presentations

### **Deadlines**

#### **2009**

October 23	National 4- H Congress Application
November 17	Wreath Orders Due

**Deadlines continued...**

## 2010

January 1	New Member Registration
February 5	Public Presentations Registrations Due
May 1	4- H Foundation Scholarship Application
July 1	Registration for 2010 NJSF®/SCFHS

## Prep Change to Cloverbud

As of September 1, 2009 the New Jersey 4- H Prep Program will become the New Jersey 4- H Cloverbud Program. The 4- H Cloverbud Program is designed to provide K- 3 youth with age-appropriate experiential learning activities in a small club setting. These youth may be registered members of a 4- H Cloverbud club or in a standard club with assigned, registered volunteers trained in the 4- H Cloverbud Philosophy and curriculum. This program, in the tradition of the Prep Program, will remain non- competitive. The 4- H Cloverbud Program is a nationally recognized program for younger 4- H members.

### \*\*\*Sussex County 4- H Foundation Annual Wreath Sale\*\*\* October/November

It's time once again to start thinking about the annual 4- H Foundation Wreath Sale. Information packets have gone out.

- Orders are due to the 4- H office by 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 17**.
- Wreaths pickup is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21** from 9:00- 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds.
- Twelve- and thirty- six- inch wreaths will be available again this year. Clubs will get \$1.00 for every twelve- inch wreath sold and \$5.00 for every thirty- six- inch wreath sold.

#### ***New This Year!***

1. Payment for your club's wreath order should be made at the time of wreath pickup on Saturday, November 21. Please make all checks payable to the *Sussex County 4- H Foundation*.
2. Please pay for the **entire** order—**do not deduct your club's commission**. The Foundation will remit a check to you for your club's profits!

This is the **only** fundraiser that the 4- H Foundation holds each year. The proceeds fund the 4- H scholarships awarded by the Foundation as well as assist 4- H members and projects. In 2009 a record 24 4- H'ers applied for scholarships. The more wreaths sold, the more scholarship funds available. Please consider selling wreaths this year! The order form is attached.

Prices are:

- Decorated 12" wreath \$15.00
- Undecorated 12" wreath \$12.00
- Decorated 36" wreath \$50.00
- Undecorated 36" wreath \$45.00

## Presentation Workshops

Once again, Michelle and Abby will take their traveling presentation workshop on the road! In December, January, and February, they will come to your club meeting and give a presentation on "how to give a presentation." With a new theme for the upcoming presentation season, they are taking reservations for club meetings now. These workshops offer helpful tips on how to prepare your presentation, tips on how not be nervous, and tips on how to deliver a top notch presentation! Dates are limited so call the 4- H office as soon as possible.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Picatinny Haunted House 2009**

October 23, 24, 30

Picatinny Arsenal will host its annual Haunted House on October 23, 24, and 30 from 6:30- 9:30 p.m. Entrance to the Picatinny Haunted House will be through Navy Hill gate off Lake Denmark Road in Rockaway Township. Detailed directions can be found at <http://www.pica.army.mil/mwr/cys/cyshomepage.htm>. Tickets are sold at the door. There will be graveside dining at the Cemetery Café and menu items include hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, etc. Children 6- 12 must be accompanied by an adult and the Picatinny Haunted House is not recommended for children under 6.

### **Halloween Happenings**

October 31

Lindley G. Cook 4- H Center for Outdoor Education will host its annual Halloween Happenings events on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00- 8:00 p.m. There will be trick or treating along a torch- lit trail, hay rides, pumpkin and face painting, refreshments, and lots of fun! If your 4- H club is interested in decorating a cabin, please call the 4- H office ASAP. Cabins are assigned on a first- come, first- served basis and there are only eight cabins! Volunteers are needed to help set up, bake, paint faces, tell stories, clean up, etc.

### **Fourth Annual Tricky Tray is Coming!**

Organization Meeting - November 5

Time flies when you are having fun. It is time to start thinking about the 2010 tricky tray! The first organizational meeting is set for Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4- H office. The date is being coordinated with Pope John XXIII Regional High School for spring of 2010. We had an AWESOME event last spring, and we hope to duplicate it in 2010! Please keep an eye out for those sale items that would make great trays! More information will be available as we get closer. If you are interested in helping us get the tricky tray off the ground, please plan on attending this meeting. Thanks!

### **Festival of Trees**

November 14

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The Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Association will be holding a fundraising event called the Festival of Trees. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 in the new Conservatory on the fairgrounds. There will be refreshments, wine, music, entertainment, 50/50 raffle, live auction of donated baskets, and a silent auction of decorated trees.

4- H clubs have been invited to create trees to be auctioned off. The trees should be artificial table top (no taller than four feet) trees. Decorated trees can be themed around the club's project area (i.e. sewing, crafts, dogs, horses, etc). All ornaments must be secured to the tree with hot glue or florist wire. If you are interested in creating a tree, please call Michelle at the 4- H office at 973- 948- 3040.

### **Ladies Day Out**

November 15

The Bit by Bit 4- H horse club will be holding a *Ladies Night Out* vendor fair on Sunday, November 15 from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Shotwell 4- H Exhibit Hall. Vendors include At Home America, Longaberger Baskets, Premier Design Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, and many more.

### **Newton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade**

November 28

Can you believe it's almost time for the annual Newton Chamber of Commerce Holiday parade? The parade will be Saturday, November 28. More information will be coming, but we wanted to give you time to prepare. Last year we had an awesome turnout of 4- H clubs!

### **2010 National 4- H Conference**

March 20- 25

The National 4- H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults – at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture – assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4- H Youth Development Program nationally and in their communities. This event brings together approximately 300 youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the country. Applicants must be enrolled in grades 10- 12 as of September 2009 and must be at least 15 years old. Applications were emailed/mailed to all eligible 4- H members. The deadline for applications is **Friday, October 23**.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

One of our newest leaders to the 4- H Sharpshooters club, Robert Leach, is a professional farrier (one who shoes horses). He is interested and available to give presentations to 4- H clubs that want to learn about the work of farriers.

If you are interested, please contact him at 168 Mattison Reservoir Avenue, Branchville, New Jersey, 07826, (973)948- 2897.

### **4- H Winter Camp**

4- H Winter Camp time is almost here! Sussex County's weekend to participate at the camp is February 12- 14. Our companion campers will be Essex, Union, and Hunterdon Counties. 4- H Winter Camp is a wonderful chance to get in some good healthy outdoor winter wonderland fun! We will have snowball fights, skiing, sledding, indoor games, hot chocolate and more! More information will be forthcoming!

### **Shotwell 4- H Exhibit Hall Update**

We are getting very close to having the Shotwell 4- H Exhibit Hall paid off! We have approximately \$40,000 left to pay on it. We will be using the profits from the upcoming spring tricky tray as well as the summer 2010 50/50 raffle towards the remaining balance on the building. Thank you to all the clubs and volunteers who have helped in the efforts to pay off the building.

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