

# Ocean County 4-H 2021 - 2022 Clubs



4-H is delivered in two ways to Ocean County youth:

- **Long Term** – participate in a club that meets annually throughout Sept.-Aug.
- **Short Term** – participate in a club that meets between 3 weeks to 3 months throughout Sept.-Aug.

## Traditional Long-Term Clubs

Club Name	Project Area(s)	Grades	Description	Time	Location
Bow Benders	Archery, Air Rifle, and Shot Gun	4 – 13	Learn about the different disciplines in shooting with emphasis on safety.	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed./month	Toms River
Busy Bees Beekeeping	Beekeeping	7 – 13	Explore the life cycle of bees and learn about apiaries.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat./month	Beachwood
Critter Craze	Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, and Small Animals	K – 13	Learn about animal breeds, care, and showmanship.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri./month	Toms River
Dirt Devils	ATV and Motocross	4 – 13	Learn about safety, equipment, etc. Must provide own equipment and vehicle.	TBA	Toms River
D.O.G.	Dog Behavior and Training	4 – 13	Focus on dog care, and training in agility and obedience.	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs./month	Toms River
Ecology	Environmental Stewardship, Outdoor Education and Recreation	6 – 13	Learn to care and advocate for planet Earth. Explore the great outdoors too.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs./month	Barnegat
Fantastic 4-H'ers	Arts & Crafts, Food & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles	4 – 13	Learn life skills from experts in their field.	Sunday afternoon	Toms River
Fine Feathered Friends	Poultry and Waterfowl	K – 13	Teaches poultry care, breeds, and showmanship.	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs./month	Toms River
Jackson's Mane Attraction	Horse, Pony, and Photography	K – 13	Teaches the care of horses, breeds, styles of riding. Do not need to own a horse. Learn how to take great photos too.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday/month	Toms River
Noah's Ark Pet Pals	Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Small Animals, Environmental Stewardship, Outdoor Education and Recreation	K – 13	Learn about animal breeds, care, and showmanship. You will also learn to care and advocate for planet Earth. Explore the great outdoors too.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed./month	Pt. Pleasant
Horse Science Study Team	Equine Science Veterinary Science	4 – 13	Classes in equine knowledge, to prepare for annual 4-H State Level quizbowl and hands-on competitions. Also learn about livestock and domestic animals.	Bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays.	Toms River
Puppy Power	Seeing Eye Puppy Raising	4 – 13	Take a puppy into your home to raise & train until it is approximately 18 months old. The dog is then returned to The Seeing Eye in Morristown, NJ. For formal training to become a guide dog. Visit <a href="http://www.seeingeve.org">www.seeingeve.org</a>	Days vary	Pt. Pleasant Beach
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	K – 13	Participate in a variety of STEM based experiments.	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs./month	Toms River
Teen Council	Leadership and Community Service	8 – 13	Lead your own service project while learning about who you are and your developed skills.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon./month	Toms River
Udder Chaos	Goats, Pigs, and Cows	K – 13	Learn about livestock breeds, care, and showmanship	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs./month	Toms River

## S.T.E.P Clubs (Short Term Exploratory Programs)- held various throughout the year.

A 4-H Short-Term Exploratory Program (STEP club) brings youth and adults with similar interests together for a unique learning experience. A STEP club is started with adult guest speaker(s) and a minimum of five youth with an interest in a particular topic. The guest speakers provide expertise and guidance and are supported by 4-H staff and Rutgers Youth Protection Volunteers. By participating in 4-H STEP clubs, youth have the opportunity to explore special interests in a "learn-by-doing" environment. This allows them to actively master knowledge and skills and see themselves as participants in directing their futures. STEP clubs meet for a minimum of twelve hours between three weeks to three months.

There is no limit to the amount of clubs a member participates in.

### S.T.E.P. Clubs currently offered

Club Name	Project	Grades	Description	Time	Location
Ask the Expert!	Veterinary Science	4-13	Discover & learn about multiple different species – their care, breeds, nutrition, diseases, etc.	Depend on availability of speakers	various



### ***Have an idea for a Traditional or S.T.E.P 4-H Club?***

***4-H staff would be happy to work with you to make this become a reality!***

A 4-H club meeting usually includes fun activities, educational opportunities, and a business meeting. 4-H clubs also get involved in community service through activities like beach clean ups, assisting with local food pantries, working with community partners, and more. This emphasis on developing youth in leadership roles is an integral part of 4-H and is why 4-H alumni include many of our nation's top leaders.

## What is 4-H?

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H is a dynamic, informal, educational program for youth. Its programs reach over 6 million young people across the United States.

4-H programs assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills and forming attitudes that will enable youth to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of the world.

## What makes 4-H unique?

4-H makes learning fun! In 4-H clubs young people work with peers and adult volunteers to learn new skills, practice leadership, give back to their community, and make new friends. They learn about topics that interest them through hands-on activities. We believe in learning by doing.

4-H members select one or more topics to learn about during the year. That includes everything from learning how to cook, caring for an animal, helping the environment, and much more. These topics are referred to as "projects." Hundreds of projects are offered through 4-H so members can pick the ones that most interests them.

The 4-H Pledge is a symbol of the devotion generations of youth that have given to the 4-H program. Its words embody the goals of 4-H.

***We are eager to work with you to find the right club or to start a brand new one!***

**For more info go to our website: <https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/>**