

Ocean County 4-H 2022 - 2023 Club Listing



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.

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

- **Long-Term Clubs** – participate in a club that meets annually throughout the program year (September – August).
- **Short Term Exploratory Program (S.T.E.P)** – participate in a club that only meets between 3 weeks to 3 months throughout the program year (September – August).

Long-Term Clubs

Club Name	Project Area(s)	Description	Grade	Time	Location
Bow Benders	Archery, Air Rifle, and Shot Gun	Learn about the different disciplines of shooting with emphasis on safety.	4 - 13	1 st & 3 rd Wed./month	Toms River
Busy Bees Beekeeping	Beekeeping	Explore the life cycle of bees while caring for live hives.	7 - 13	3 rd Sat./month	Beachwood
Critter Craze	Rabbits, Cavy (Guinea Pigs), and Small Animals	Learn about animal breeds, care, and showmanship. It is recommended that you own, or plan to own, an animal to participate. Leasing opportunities might also be available.	K - 13	3 rd Fri./month	Toms River
Dirt Devils	ATV and Motocross	Learn about safety, equipment, and motor maintenance as you take part in rides. You must have your own equipment to participate.	4 - 13	Seasonal Meetings	Toms River
D.O.G.	Dog Behavior and Training	Focuses on canine care, training, agility and obedience.	4 - 13	2 nd & 4 th Thurs./month	Toms River
Ecology	Environmental Stewardship, and Outdoor Education & Recreation	Explore the great outdoors while you learn to care and advocate for the environment.	6 - 13	Seasonal Meetings	Barnegat
Fantastic 4-H'ers	Arts & Crafts, Food & Nutrition, and Clothing & Textiles	Participate in a variety of activities from experts in their field.	5 - 13	Seasonal Meetings	Toms River
Fine Feathered Friends	Poultry and Waterfowl	Learn about poultry breeds, care, and showmanship.	K - 13	1 st Tues./month	Toms River
Jackson's Mane Attraction	Horse, Pony, and Photography	Learn about the care of horses, breeds, and styles of riding. You do not need to own a horse to participate. In addition, learn to take great photos!	K - 13	3 rd Friday/month	Toms River

Noah's Ark Pet Pals	Rabbits, Cavy (Guinea Pigs), Small Animals, Environmental Stewardship, and Outdoor Education & Recreation	Learn about animal breeds, care, and showmanship. You will also learn to care and advocate for planet Earth. Explore the great outdoors too.	K - 13	Seasonal Meetings	Pt. Pleasant
Horse Science Study Team	Equine Science Veterinary Science	Learn about the science of equines and veterinary practices. In addition, join the study team as you prepare for annual NJ 4-H State Level equine competitions.	4 - 13	Bi-monthly meetings on Tuesdays	Toms River
Saddle Squad	Equine Science.	Learn about the breeds, care, and management of horses through hands-on activities. You do not need to own a horse to participate.	7 -13	1 st & 3 rd Thurs./month	Forked River
Shore Growing	Soil, Pollinators, Water Exploration, Marine Life and Plants	Learn about growing agricultural plants around the Jersey shore. Hands on learning which includes presentations, crafts, baking, and trips	K – 4	Various Tuesdays of the month	Little Egg Harbor
Radiant Spirits Homeschoolers	Arts & Crafts, Food & Nutrition, and STEM.	For youth who are homeschooled to meet new friends and participate in a variety of fun, educational, and hands-on activities.	K - 13	Bi-monthly meetings on Wednesdays	Toms River
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	Participate in a variety of STEM based fun experiments and activities.	K - 13	1 st Tues./month	Toms River
Teen Council	Leadership and Community Service	Lead your own service project while building life skills and making connections with others.	8 - 13	Seasonal meetings	Toms River
Udder Chaos	Livestock- goats, pigs, cows, etc.	Learn about livestock breeds, care, and showmanship.	K - 13	3 rd Thurs./month	Toms River

S.T.E.P. Clubs

Club Name	Project	Description	Grade	Time	Location
Ask the Expert!	Veterinary Science	Discover & learn about multiple different species – their care, breeds, nutrition, diseases, etc. by experts in their field.	4 - 13	By Request	Various
Coin Collectors	Hobbies	Learn how to coin collect and work with your peers to grow your assortment.	K – 13	By Request	Toms River
Puppy Power	Seeing Eye Puppy Raising	Take a puppy into your home for approximately 18 months. You will learn through this program how to care and train it. This prepares the puppy for formal training to becoming a guide dog. Visit www.seeingeeye.org	4 - 13	Various Meeting Days	Pt. Pleasant Beach
Wildlife Wonders	Wildlife Conservation.	Learn the science of wildlife conservation and ecology through planned seasonal outdoor adventures.	K – 13	Spring/Summer	Toms River



Have an idea for a Long-Term 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.

To start a club, you need two adults 21 years or older, who have completed the onboarding process.

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