FALL 2023



Camden County 4-H Clover Connection



Welcome to the new 4-H year To Make the Best Better



Hello and welcome to the new 4-H year! For those who are new to the 4-H family, let me introduce myself. My name is Sharon Kinsey, and I have served as the Camden County 4-H Agent for the past 16 years. I am responsible for managing the county 4-H program, from working with youth and adults to planning county events and everything in between.

Just as a reminder, 4–H is a program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, in partnership with our county government. The county 4–H office is located at the Camden County Parks Dept. at 1301 Park Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ. I can be reached at 856–216–7130 x 2. Call me with any questions you have about 4–H or upcoming events. Hope to see you soon!

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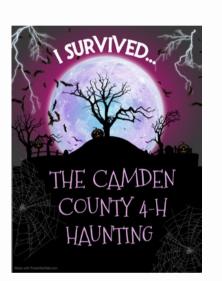


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The Camden County 4-H Haunting



When I became the 4-H Agent in 2007, I had no idea I would get to help plan and conduct a very special event called the Camden County 4-H Haunting. For many years, the "Haunting" was a haunted hayride where guests wound through the woods of Lakeland off of County House Road. Nearly every 4-H club and its members, parents, and volunteers created the more than 30 scary scenes along the wooded trail. No one knew what was around the next corner!



The Haunting became the biggest event of our 4-H year! Planning started months in advance and everyone enjoyed creating haunted scenes and "acting" in their scenes by the time it came around every October. The Haunting was held as a hayride for 20 years. Then the Haunted Hayride was turned into a Haunted Walk in 2015 when it became too expensive to rent tractors and wagons. The Haunting has continued to be a success in its reimagined format as a Haunted Walk. It takes the assistance of many 4-H volunteers and members. We hope you'll be part of this year's Haunting and help us carry on the tradition!









Welcome to our new 4-H club leaders!

The 4-H Youth Development Program thrives because of the contributions and commitment of the many adult volunteers who lead 4-H clubs, help plan and conduct 4-H events and activities, and support our youth in various project areas.

Many thanks to our newest 4-H volunteers for dedicating your time to our youth!

Camden County 4-H STEM Club "Einstein Kids"

- Dawn McDonald
- Christina McDonald

Craft 'n Things 4-H Club

- Debbie Brady
- Devin Brady

Camden County 4-H Cloverbud Explorers Club

- Kimberley Cocchi
- Gennifer Kelling



Check out our webpage for club meeting dates at: https://camden.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/clubs/



Are you a 4-H member in grades 6-8? **The NJ 4-H Discover the Leader in You! Conference** is being offered on **Sat**, **Nov. 4**, **2023** at the Camden County Office of Sustainability in Blackwood. The cost is \$20 for Camden County 4-H members thanks to the generosity of the Camden County 4-H Leaders' Association.

Details and registration materials can be found on the State 4-H website at: <u>https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/lead.../discover-the-leader-in-</u>

2023 Camden County Fair Recap

















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Cloverbud Recognition Jacob W.

Crafts

Youth Winner: Olivia A. Honorable Mention: Gabriella C. Adult Winner: Sara Weist Honorable Mention: Amy Braddock

Fine Arts

Youth Winner: Kayleigh C. Honorable Mention: Olivia A. Adult Winner: Devin Brady Honorable Mention: Devin Brady

Indoor Gardening

Youth Winner: Gabriella C.

Needlework

Youth Winner: Daniel W. Adult Winner: Melissa Sizemore Honorable Mention: Tricia Weist

Photography

Youth Winner: Brooklynn R. Adult Winner: Michelle Atkinson Honorable Mention: Amanda Wells





Club Displays Best in Show: Lil Bugs 4-H Club

Other Entries Culinary 4-H Club Craft 'n Things 4-H Club Cloverbud Explorers 4-H Club





4-H was organized in 1902

That means 4-H have been in existence for 121 years!

The four leaf clover

symbolizes good luck and achievement

The 4-H Clover

the emblem was created in 1911 and patented in 1924

Official 4-H colors

green and white

4-H Pledge



