

CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM



SUMMARY



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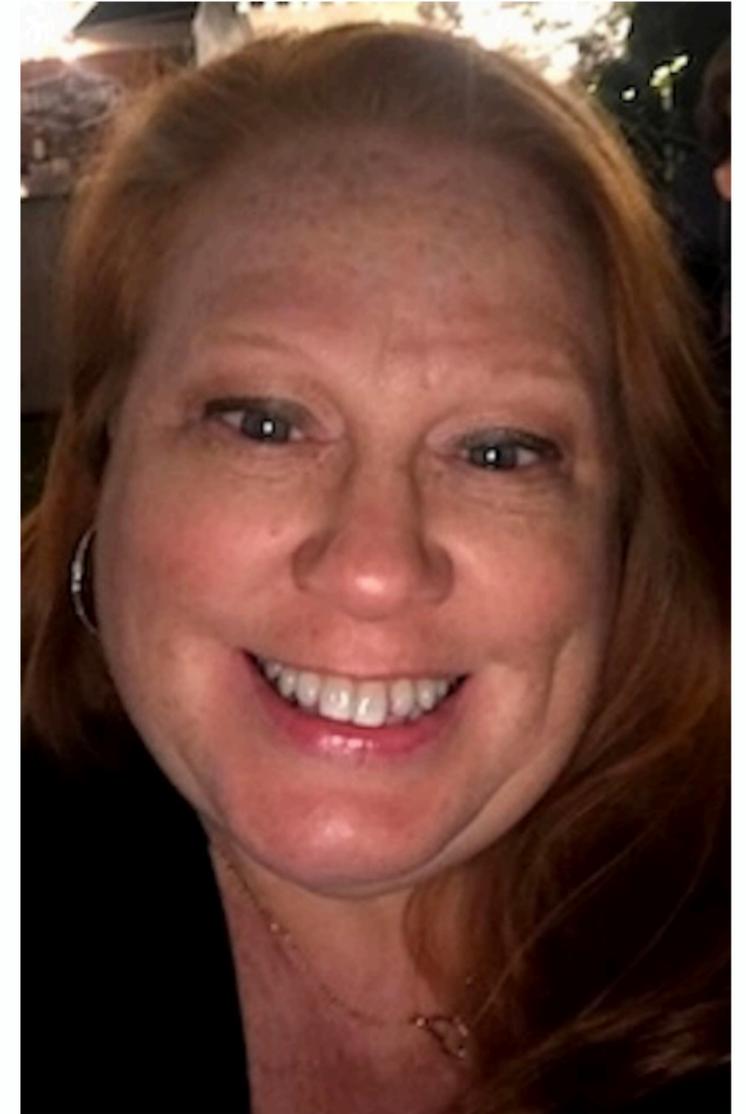
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MESSAGE FROM SHARON KINSEY CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H AGENT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

It has been 18 years since I began my career as the Camden County 4-H Agent. 4-H was part of my childhood while growing up on a fourth-generation family farm in Warren County so it is rewarding to lead a program that contributed to my own learning and development.

While the Camden County 4-H Program may not resemble the program I grew up in, that's the beauty of 4-H. This dynamic youth development organization is all about preparing the next generation through hands-on learning and lifeskill development and that can be accomplished in a variety of ways. We reach hundreds of youth each year through 4-H clubs, afterschool and specialty programs, as well as virtual programs. Local partnerships and collaborations are also vital to our programs, and we depend on these relationships to provide high quality programs to youth. Many thanks to all who support the 4-H program and please enjoy this summary of the Camden County 4-H Program!



Educational Background:

Ed.D., University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Global Studies in Education

M.A., Seton Hall University, Strategic Communications and Leadership

B.A., Cook College, Rutgers University, Journalism and Mass Media



CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H FACT SHEET

What is 4-H?

4-H is the oldest and largest youth development organization in the United States. Formed in 1902, the program serves youth in grades K-13 (one year out of high school) and focuses on lifeskill development.



4-H is ...



4-H is a program of Rutgers University and part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, which is the education and outreach arm of the University. Cooperative Extension can be found in every county in NJ and in every county across the country.

County and USDA Partnership

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Camden County is the result of a partnership between Rutgers University, the Board of County Commissioners, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



4-H Delivery Modes



- 4-H Clubs
- Afterschool programs
- Short-term special-interest programs
- Virtual programs

Key Programming Areas

- Healthy Living
- Leadership and Civic Engagement
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Communication and the Arts

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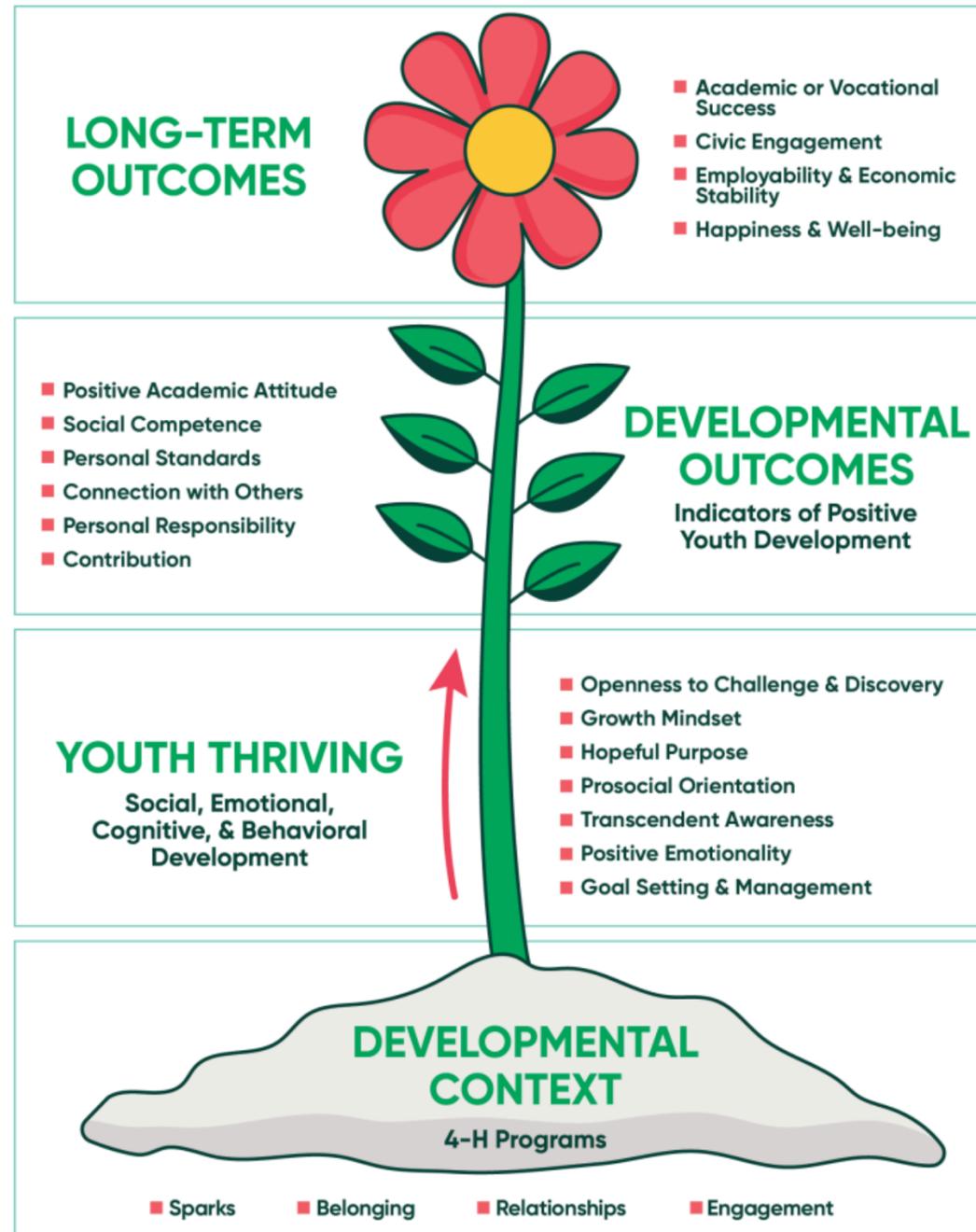
Camden County 4-H Website
<https://camden.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>

Camden County 4-H Instagram
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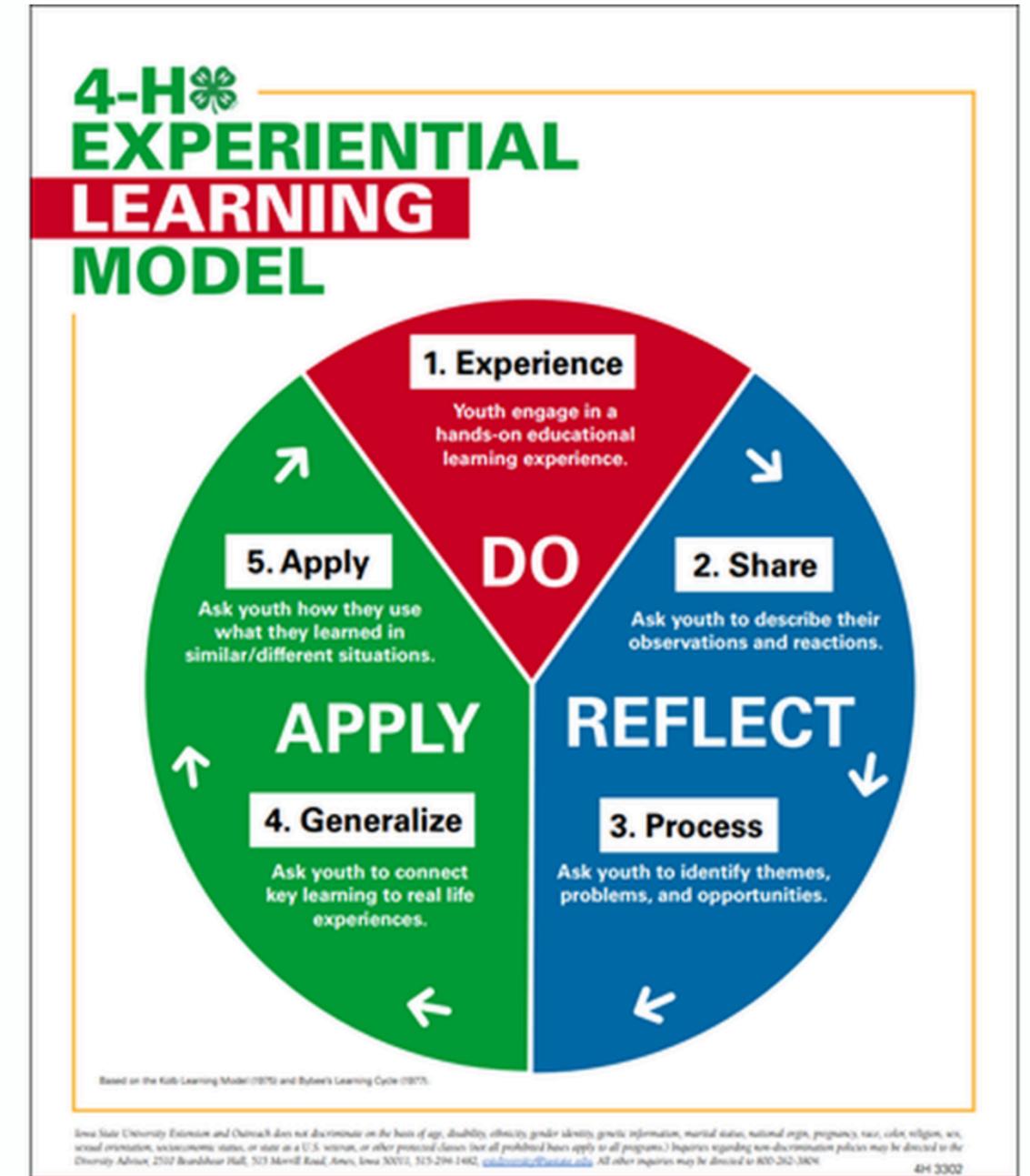
This fact sheet helps educate and inform our partners and stakeholders about the structure of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

4 H
SINCE 1902

THE 4-H THRIVING MODEL



THE 4-H EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



The 4-H Thriving Model is the theory of change for positive youth development in 4-H. The model illustrates the process of positive youth development in 4-H programs by connecting high quality program settings to the promotion of youth thriving.

4-H PROGRAM DELIVERY MODES



4-H Clubs



Afterschool Programs

Special-Interest Programs



Virtual Programs



550 youth

were reached during the 2024-25 4-H year

The 4-H Club Model was the original model when 4-H was created in 1902. Today, 4-H is delivered in a variety of formats, including afterschool programs, short-term, specialty programs and online programs which enables us to reach greater numbers of youth.

OUR COUNTY 4-H CLUB PROGRAM



2025-26 CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

CLOVERBUDS (GRADES K-3)

- Camden County 4-H Cloverbud Explorers - volunteers needed
- Mindfulness/Yoga 4-H Club - volunteers needed

ARTS & CRAFTS (GRADES 4-13)

- Craft 'n Things 4-H Club

CULINARY (GRADES 4-13)

- Camden County 4-H Culinary Club Grades 6-13
- The Whisk Takers 4-H Club Grades 4-8

GLOBAL EDUCATION (GRADES 4-7)

- Global Kids 4-H Club

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE (GRADES 6-13)

- Camden County 4-H Junior Council
- Camden County 4-H Teen Council

SMALL ANIMALS (GRADES K-13)

- The Critter Keepers 4-H Club

STEM (GRADES 4-7)

- Camden County 4-H STEM Club (Grades 4-7)

4-H Club meetings are held at the Camden County Office of Sustainability, 508 Lakeland Rd., Blackwood, NJ 08012

4-H is a youth development program for youth in grades K-13 and a program of Rutgers University conducted in cooperation with county government.

Visit our website at: <https://camden.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>
or contact Camden County 4-H Agent Sharon Kinsey at sbkinsey@njaes.rutgers.edu

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The purpose of a 4-H club is to provide positive youth development opportunities to meet the needs of young people to experience:

Belonging
Mastery
Independence
and Generosity

- the Essential Elements -
and to foster educational opportunities tied to the Land Grant University knowledge base.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



4-H'ers are...

4X

more likely to give back to their communities

2X

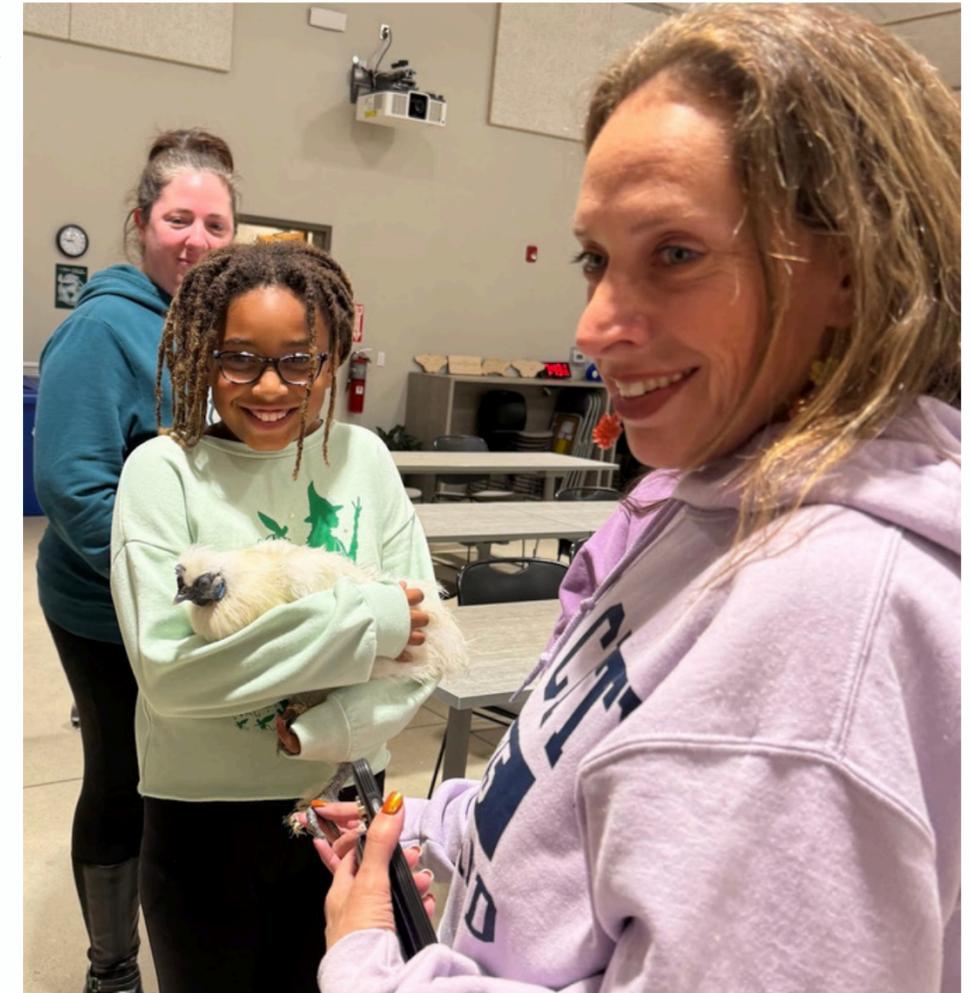
more likely to make healthier choices

2X

more likely to participate in STEM activities

4-H CLUB PROGRAM AND VOLUNTEERS

25 adult volunteers help lead and manage our 4-H clubs. An additional 25 adults assist with events throughout the year.



4-H MEMBERSHIP BY MUNICIPALITY

2024-25 4-H Club Membership:

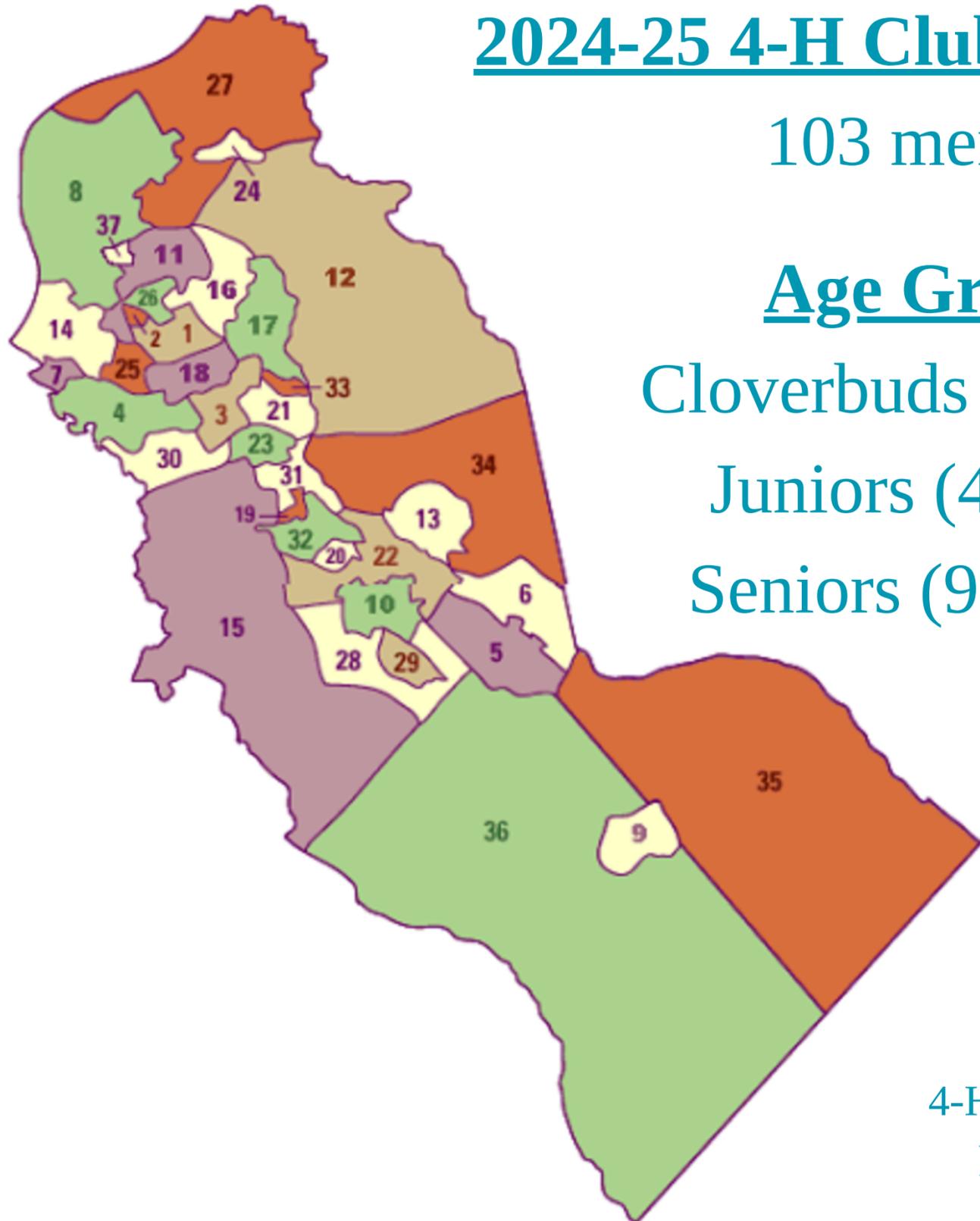
103 members

Age Groups:

Cloverbuds (K-3) - 29

Juniors (4-8) - 51

Seniors (9-13) - 23



Key:

4-H members live in towns highlighted in yellow

1 - Audubon	14 - Gloucester City	27 - Pennsauken
2 - Audubon Park	15 - Gloucester Twp.	28 & 29 - Pine Hill & Pine Valley merged in 2022
3 - Barrington	16 - Haddon Township	30 - Runnemede
4 - Bellmawr	17 - Haddonfield	31 - Somerdale
5 - Berlin Borough	18 - Haddon Heights	32 - Stratford
6 - Berlin Township	19 - Hi-Nella	33 - Tavistock
7 - Brooklawn	20 - Laurel Springs	34 - Voorhees
8 - Camden	21 - Lawnside	35 - Waterford
9 - Chesilhurst	22 - Lindenwold	36 - Winslow
10 - Clementon	23 - Magnolia	37 - Woodlynne
11 - Collingswood	24 - Merchantville	
12 - Cherry Hill	25 - Mt. Ephraim	
13 - Gibbsboro	26 - Oaklyn	

5-YEAR SNAPSHOT OF 4-H OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Year	Audience	Topics Taught	Program Hours	# of youth reached
2020-21	Teens	Leadership and personal development, civic engagement, health and wellness	80	150
2021-22	Teens	Leadership and personal development, health and wellness, environmental sustainability, global education	107	130
2022-23	Teens	Leadership and personal development, health and wellness, college/career readiness, global education, agricultural awareness	190	267
2023-24	Teens	Leadership and personal development, civic engagement, food systems/urban agriculture, global education, agricultural awareness	863	210
2024-25	K-13	Leadership and personal development, civic engagement, food systems/urban agriculture, environmental, college/career readiness	1.904	444
		Totals	3.144	1.201
			hours	youth



2024-25 OUTREACH PROGRAMS

444 youth, 107 adults = 551
1,904 hours of programming

Program Partner and Location	Programming Topic	Program Dates and Hours of Programming
 <p>Muslim Homeschoolers Cherry Hill, NJ</p>	<p>Agriculture in the Classroom Population Education Engineering Challenge</p>	<p>Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 16 hours</p>
 <p>Rowan Upward Bound Program Camden, NJ</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability College and Career Readiness</p>	<p>Spring and Summer 2025 20 hours</p>
 <p>Eastside High School Camden, NJ</p>	<p>Food Systems and Hydroponics</p>	<p>Spring 2025 7 hours</p>
 <p>Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens Camden, NJ</p>	<p>Food and Agriculture Changemakers Program</p>	<p>Jan. 2025-Aug. 2025 1,692 hours</p>
 <p>Cooper's Poynt Family School Camden, NJ</p>	<p>Gardening & Environmental Science</p>	<p>Winter/ Spring 2025 10 hours</p>

2024-25 OUTREACH PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

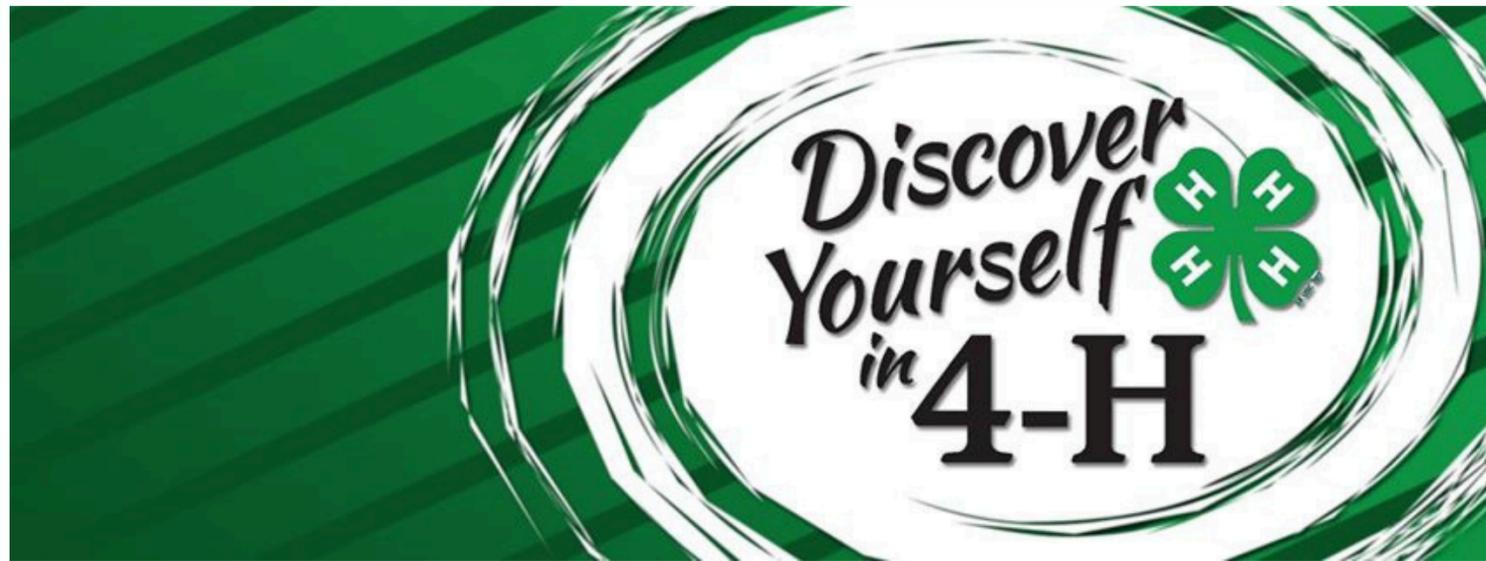
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Program and Location	Programming Topic	Program Dates and Hours of Programming
 <p>NJ 4-H STEM Ambassador Program New Brunswick, NJ</p>	<p>STEM Literacy College and Career Readiness Community Outreach</p>	<p>Summer 2025 35 hours</p>
 <p>NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program Ewing and Blackwood, NJ</p>	<p>Leadership and Personal Development</p>	<p>Spring 2025 37 hours</p>
 <p>Foroige Leadership for Life Conference Maynooth, Ireland</p>	<p>Leadership and Personal Development</p>	<p>Summer 2025 50 hours</p>
 <p>Igniting Your Leadership Potential Certificate in Leadership Development Courses Online</p>	<p>Leadership and Personal Development</p>	<p>Spring/Summer 2025 8 hours</p>

2024-25 OUTREACH PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

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Program and Location	Programming Topic	Program Dates and Hours of Programming
 <p>South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference Medford, NJ</p>	<p>Leadership and Outdoor Activities</p>	<p>Spring 2025 16 hours</p>
 <p>Camden County 4-H Animal Adventures Blackwood, NJ</p>	<p>Agricultural Awareness</p>	<p>Spring 2025 5 hours</p>
 <p>Earth Day Program Haviland Ave. Elementary School Audubon, NJ</p>	<p>Environmental Awareness</p>	<p>Spring 2025 6 hours</p>
 <p>Story Time with Tom Tracy Program Blackwood, NJ</p>	<p>Social Emotional Awareness</p>	<p>Spring 2025 2 hours</p>



4-H PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H HAUNTING

The 4-H Haunting was created in the mid-1990s as a 4-H fundraiser and originated as a haunted hayride. Today, the event has been re-formatted into a haunted walk but the tradition continues in providing family fun!

CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H
 JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HAUNTED WALK FUNDRAISER!
SAVE THE DATE!
THE HAUNTING
 FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 2021
 SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 2021
 7-10:30 PM EACH NIGHT
 CAMDEN COUNTY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
 508 LAKELAND ROAD BLACKWOOD, NJ \$10 p/person. includes pumpkin

Attendance:

- 2021 - 995
- 2022 - 1,332
- 2023 - 637*
- 2024 - 994
- 2025 - 982

*The Phillies were in the World Series that year (and as we know they did not win). Lower attendance was also attributed to the bad weather.

SAVE THE DATE!
 Fri., Oct. 11 & Sat., Oct. 12, 2024
 7:00-10:30 pm
CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H HAUNTING
 Join us for a family-friendly Haunted Walk at the Camden County Office of Sustainability at 508 Lakeland Rd., Blackwood, NJ. Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$10 per person. Purchase tickets at the event. Cash, Venmo, Zelle, or Apple Pay accepted. Questions? Contact Sharon Kinsey at 856-216-7130 x 2.

JOIN CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H FOR ...
 A HAUNTED WALK, ENTERTAINMENT, DJ, AND PUMPKIN PATCH
THE HAUNTING
 OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 2022 | 7-10:30 PM
 508 LAKELAND ROAD, BLACKWOOD, NJ
 \$10 P/PERSON; VENMO ACCEPTED
 CALL 856-216-7130 X 2 FOR INFO

2023 CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H HAUNTING
 CAMDEN COUNTY OFC. OF SUSTAINABILITY
 508 LAKELAND RD., BLACKWOOD, NJ
 KIDDIE PUMPKIN PATCH
 SAT., OCT. 21, 2023 10-1 PM
 \$10 P/CHILD
**FRI., OCT. 20
 SAT., OCT 21
 7-10:30 PM**
ANNUAL HAUNTED WALK
 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT EVENT
 \$10 P/PERSON
 CASH, VENMO OR ZELLE

TWO WEEKENDS!
CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H HAUNTING
 FRI, OCT. 10 & SAT, OCT. 11, 2025
 FRI, OCT. 17 & SAT, OCT. 18, 2025
 7-10:30 PM
 CAMDEN COUNTY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
 508 LAKELAND RD., BLACKWOOD, NJ
 JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY HAUNTED WALK FOR AGES 8 AND UP \$10 P/PERSON
 PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE EVENT
 CASH, VENMO, OR ZELLE ACCEPTED
 QUESTIONS? CALL 856-216-7130 X 2

NOV. 2024-JAN. 2025 SMITHSONIAN 4-HISTORY PROJECT



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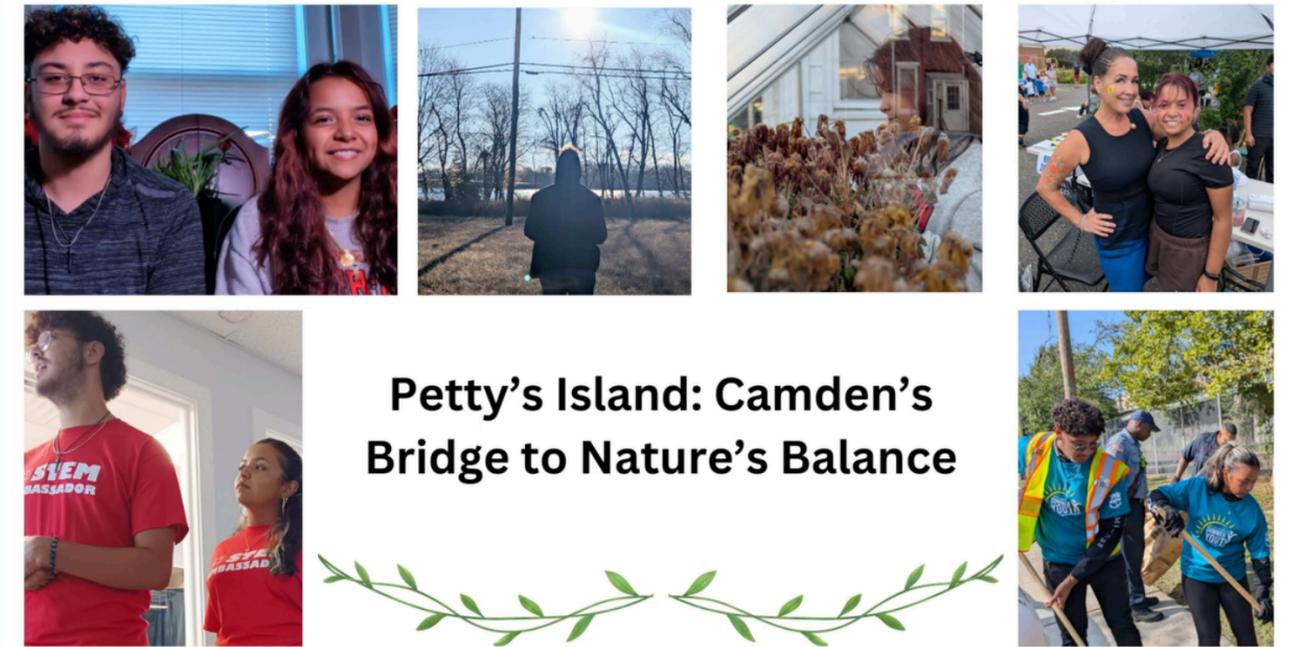
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From the desk of Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III: **Smithsonian Education** and our Museum on Main Street team bring our work beyond our physical locations to the nation.

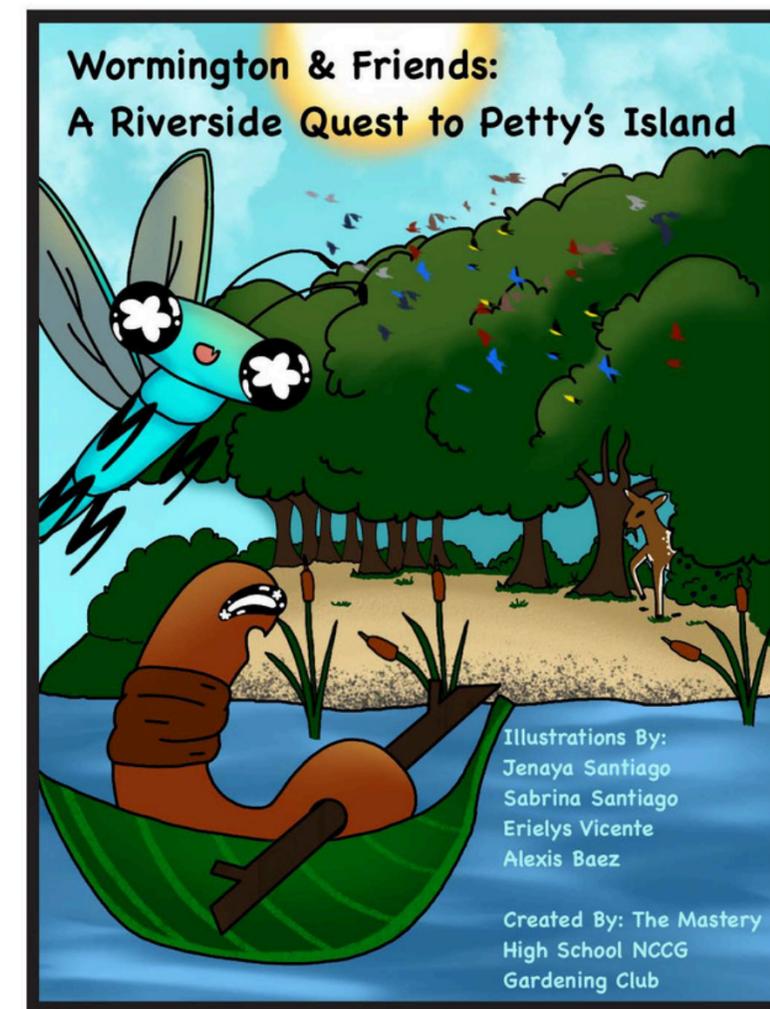
As a New Jersey native, I was particularly proud to see the Stories 4-History program land in New Jersey, where 4-H'ers explored examples of civic engagement in American history. With expert mentors, they delved into local stories of resilience and community collaboration that tap into the interests of today's rural youth.

These projects are uplifting examples of young people applying newly-acquired knowledge and skills to community projects. Some students have put their ideas into practice. In Camden County, New Jersey, 4-H members developed a coloring book for elementary audiences to learn more about Petty's Island, a local nature preserve.



Two Camden County 4-H STEM Ambassadors took part in the Smithsonian 4-History Project where they created a 17-minute educational video called *Petty's Island: Camden's Bridge to Nature's Balance*.

They also create educational coloring books based on environmental topics such as *A Riverside Quest to Petty's Island*. Their project was highlighted on the Smithsonian's LinkedIn account on Feb. 26, 2025 regarding the coloring book they created about Petty's Island.



4-H ANIMAL ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Total Participation - 171 youth and 137 adults = 308 participants

Join Camden County 4-H for ANIMAL ADVENTURES



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMDEN COUNTY AND FARM FRIENDS, LLC

MONTHLY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN GRADES K-4

JAN. 28 *Animals in Winter*

Learn about how different animals and popular children's characters migrate, adapt, or hibernate to get through the cold months. Meet and pet the rabbits!



FEB. 11 *Love & Kindness*

Come learn all about similarities and differences in the animal world and why we should be kind no matter our differences. Meet and pet the rabbits and tortoise!



MAR. 18 *Green Eggs and Hens*

Green eggs?!? Learn about how and why chickens lay different colored eggs. Meet and pet the hens!



APR. 15 *Earth Day*

Learn about how different animals recycle and how popular children's characters reduce waste. Small changes can make a big difference! Meet and pet the rabbits. Seed planting activity included.



PROGRAMS INCLUDE LIVE ANIMALS, CRAFT & SNACK

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JUST SCAN THE QR CODE



10 AM-12 PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SHARON KINSEY AT 856-216-7130 X 2 OR SBKINSEY@NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU

DONATION OF \$5 PER FAMILY PER PROGRAM WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PROGRAMS HELD AT CAMDEN COUNTY OFC. OF SUSTAINABILITY 508 LAKELAND RD. BLACKWOOD, NJ





JOIN CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H AND FARM FRIENDS, LLC FOR...



FARM TO TABLE

SUMMER FUN FOODS PROGRAM

LEARN ABOUT FUN FOODS LIKE POPCORN, ICE CREAM & BURGERS

SUNDAY, AUG. 18, 2024
10-11:30 AM



Camden County Office of Sustainability
508 Lakeland Rd., Blackwood, NJ 08012

Program is sponsored by Farm Credit East but registration is requested at:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/epdf350>

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SPONSORED BY FARM CREDIT EAST



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN GRADES PRE-K-6

FEB. 9, 2025 *Animals in Winter*

Learn about migration, hibernation and how animals adapt in winter. Meet and pet the bunnies!

MAR. 23, 2025 *Green Eggs and Hens*

Green eggs?!? Learn about how and why chickens lay different colored eggs. Meet and pet the hens!

10 AM-12 PM

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED
JUST CLICK ON LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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This program was created in 2023 as a way to teach youth in grades K-5 and their adults about animals, as well as the food and fiber industries. Between 2023-25, seven (7) two-hour programs were conducted for the community at no cost at the Camden County Office of Sustainability in Blackwood. Farm Credit East and Camden County served as sponsors.



FARM CREDIT EAST

CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Public Presentation Program is one of 4-H's most rewarding experiences. In fact, Alumni often credit public speaking as one of the most beneficial lifeskills developed through 4-H.

All 4-H members from Cloverbuds (grades K-3) to Juniors (grades 4-8) and Seniors (grades 9-13) are eligible to participate and can choose to deliver a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Formal Speech, or Expressive Arts presentation. Judges provide scores and feedback on each member's presentation (except for Cloverbuds) with certificates and ribbons awarded to everyone.

Those in 8th grade or older who earn an Excellent rating at the county level are then eligible to compete at the NJ State 4-H Public Presentations.


4-H Public Presentations



Camden County 4-H
Public Presentations 2025



SOUTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE

DON'T MISS
THE 2021 SOUTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
RHETT LAUBACH

IT'S VIRTUAL!
SAT., MARCH 20, 2021
10-1 PM

PRESENTATION THEME:
BE A TORCHBEARER
BE A TORCHBEARER

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 8-13
REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
[HTTP://NJ4H.RUTGERS.EDU/LEADERSHIP/SJTC-2021/](http://NJ4H.RUTGERS.EDU/LEADERSHIP/SJTC-2021/)






2025 SOUTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 17-18
YMCA OF THE PINES
1303 STOKES ROAD, MEDFORD, NJ 08055

COST: \$85 PER YOUTH
COST INCLUDES LODGING, ACTIVITIES, SWAG BAG, T-SHIRT, MEALS & SNACKS.
OPEN TO 4-H ENROLLED YOUTH IN GRADES 7-13TH
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 10, 2025





The South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference has been held since 1957. Even during the pandemic, we held the conference online to ensure the tradition continued.

SOUTH JERSEY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE

THE ADVENTURE AWAITS

For youth in grades 8-13 **RAIN OR SHINE** \$50 p/person

HIKING CANOEING
ZIPLINING TEAM BUILDING

YMCA CAMP OF THE PINES
1303 STOKES ROAD, MEDFORD, NJ

SAT., MAY 14, 2022

10 AM - 7 PM

Register by APRIL 25 at <https://tinyurl.com/SJTC22>





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2023 South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference

Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Leaders

MAY 6-7, 2023

YMCA of the Pines in Medford, NJ
Cost: \$150

The cost covers meals, lodging, and activities

Open to all South Jersey Teens in 8- 13th grade!
The deadline to register is April 14, 2023
Register on v2.4Honline.com

Activities include: canoeing, outdoor living skills, archery, high ropes, and community service project.

Camp is S'more fun with friends!






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and so the **ADVENTURE** begins

SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE

MAY 4, 2024

7TH GRADE AND UP!

Winter Run Activity Center
270 Southard Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Cost: \$50 per youth

Activities include hiking, nature photography, yoga, exploring the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, and much more!

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!







The conference is now held annually at a camp where youth participate in leadership and outdoor activities.

NJ 4-H STEM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Four Camden County 4-H youth participated in the NJ 4-H STEM Ambassador Program from July 7-11, 2025 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. The five-day program focuses on providing opportunities for youth to meet Rutgers scientists and engineers, participate in research projects, lab tours, workshops, and field trips. Participants took part in leadership and personal development activities and learned how to lead STEM activities for younger youth back home in their communities.



17th Annual Rutgers 4-H STEM Ambassador Kickoff Training

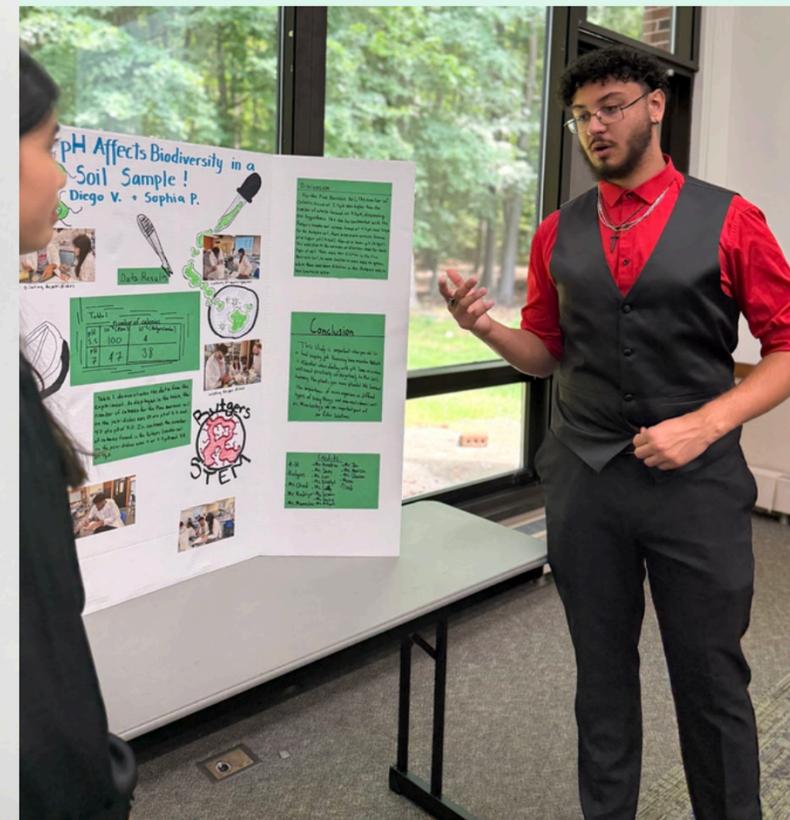
Closing Luncheon

Cook Student Center

July 11, 2025



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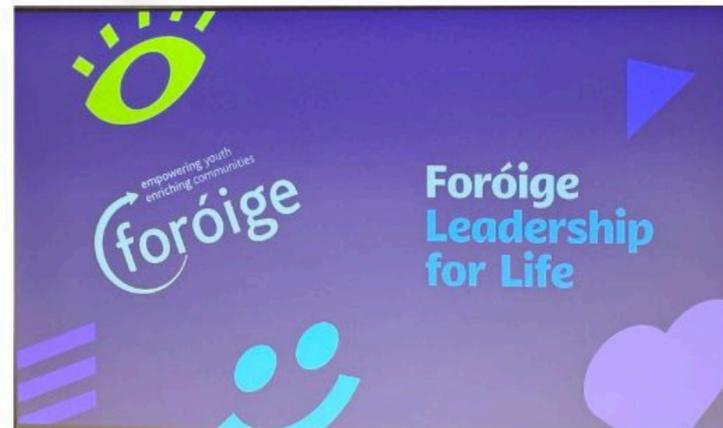


NJ 4-H LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE PROGRAM



NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program Overview

Program Coordinator: Sharon Kinsey, Camden County 4-H Agent
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Foróige Leadership for Life Conference



JULY 28-AUG. 1, 2025
MAYNOOTH, IRELAND



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New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station



The NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program was created in 2016 and is modeled after the Foróige Leadership for Life Program in Ireland. NJ is the only state in the U.S. to offer this program through the 4-H Program.

Offered in three sequential modules, this program is aimed at equipping young people to explore their vision and passion and to develop such key skills as: planning, decision making, critical thinking, goal setting, and problem solving. Each module consists of 7 hours of educational workshops with topics serving as a bridge from one level to the next.

Module 1 enables participants to explore what leadership is and the type of leaders they would like to be. The module focuses on core leadership skills such as communication, problem solving, self-awareness, values and action planning.

Module 2 enables participants to work with others to achieve a leadership goal. The module focuses on how leadership can have a positive impact on society by tackling both local and global issues. Module 2 also focuses on research skills, conflict resolution, critical thinking and exploring leadership styles.

Module 3 (LEADing Through Service) enables participants to put into practice their learning from previous modules by actively engaging in a community action project of their choice, keeping a learning journal of their experiences, and presenting a portfolio upon completion. 4-H members completing Module 3 will plan and conduct a service project upon independently.

The **Advanced Module** is offered at the Foróige Leadership for Life Conference in Ireland each summer. This module enables participants to explore vision and strategies for overcoming challenges, ethics and values in relation to leadership, and work with youth from Ireland and other countries to utilize the leadership skills they have learned in Modules 1-3 to identify social issues and propose solutions and methods for addressing them.

Program Completion (2016-2025)

Module 1	148	youth
Module 2	93	youth
Module 3	80	youth
Advanced Module	44	youth

(2018-2019, 2023, 2025)

Module 3 Service Project Examples being conducted by youth participants:

Jersey Fresh Start - collecting hygiene products to support youth in need.

Impacts of Littering - acquiring new trash cans to place in the community, along with organizing clean-ups and promoting anti-littering through an educational video.

Supporting a Local Horse Sanctuary - working at the sanctuary weekly and fundraising to support their efforts.

Creating Welcome Packets for families at a transitional housing facility.

4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.



CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H SHOWCASE



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
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Camden County 4-H SHOWCASE

SUN., AUG. 24, 2025
1:00-3:00 pm

CAMDEN COUNTY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
508 LAKELAND RD., BLACKWOOD, NJ

Share your creativity ~ Enter your exhibits to be judged ~ Ribbons awarded
Register online by Fri., Aug. 15 at: go.rutgers.edu/8lhzhmfi

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES:

- Crafts
- Fine Arts
- Food
- Photography
- Literary Work
- And much more

GRADE CATEGORIES:

- Cloverbuds (K-3)
- Juniors (4-8)
- Seniors (9-13)
- Adult

Contact Sharon Kinsey at
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with any questions

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The Camden County 4-H Showcase was held in Aug. 2025 to encourage 4-H members and parents to share their talents in arts and crafts, fine arts, photography and literary work. Entries were judged and prizes awarded.



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4-H SHOWCASE

SUN., AUG. 24, 2025

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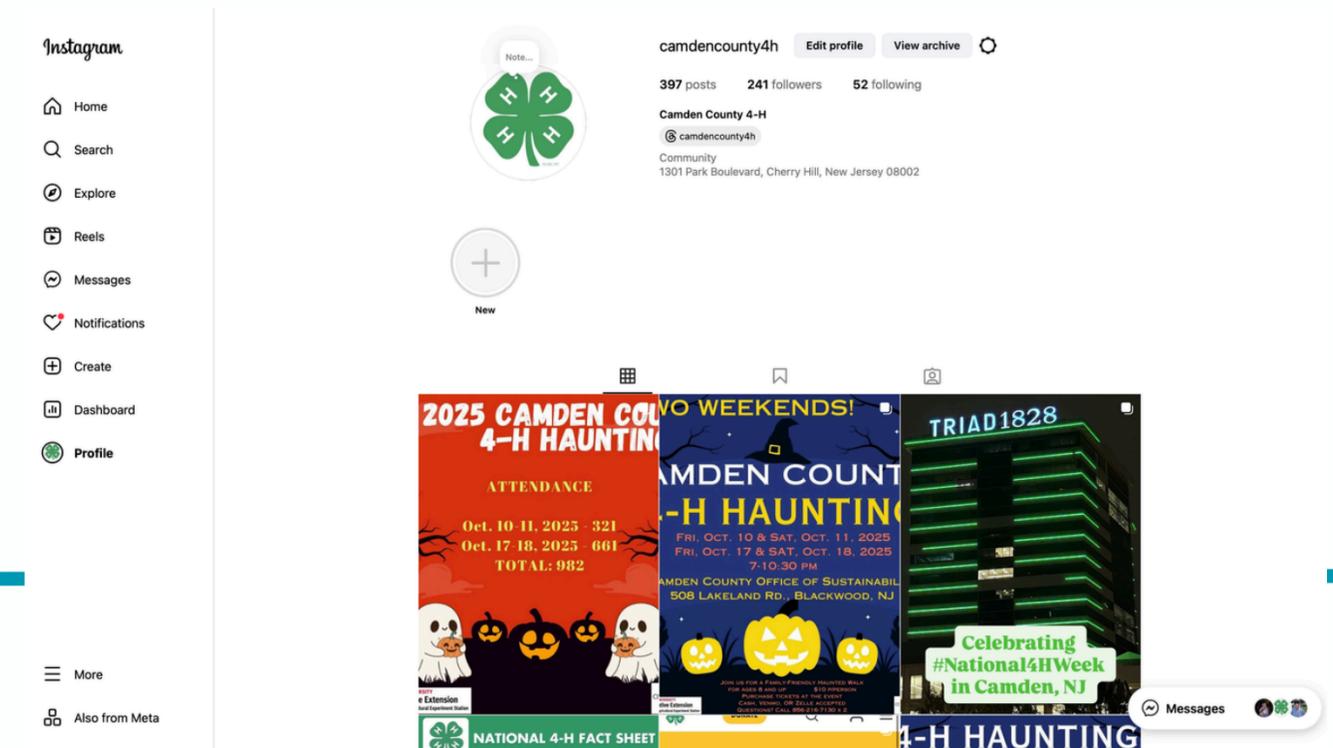
Camden County 4-H website

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Camden County weekly e-newsletter



October 30, 2025 Edition
Early Voting is Open, Return Your VBM Ballot
Halloween Events and Cooper Norcross Run the Bridge

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Camden County Newsletter



4-H Club Continues Through November

Camden County 4-H Clubs offer youth, in grades K-13, the opportunity to learn about life skills through a model of hands-on, experiential learning occurring through a variety of delivery modes. Volunteers are needed!

Upcoming 4-H Events:

- Critter Keepers - Monday, November 3rd
- STEM - Thursday, November 13th
- Culinary - Monday, November 17th
- Craft 'n Things - Tuesday, November 18th
- Whisk Takers - Wednesday, November 19th

To learn more about 4-H, and how to join or register, [Click Here](#), or contact 4-H Agent, Sharon Kinsey at sbkinsey@njaes.rutgers.edu.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCT. 5-11, 2025

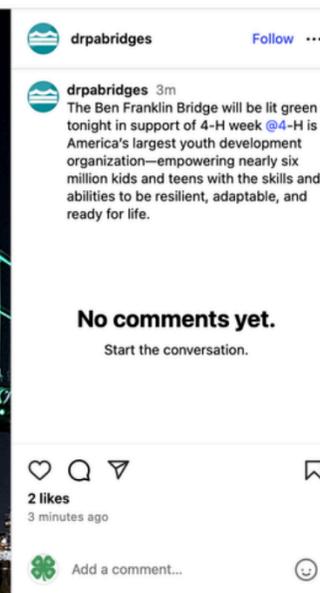
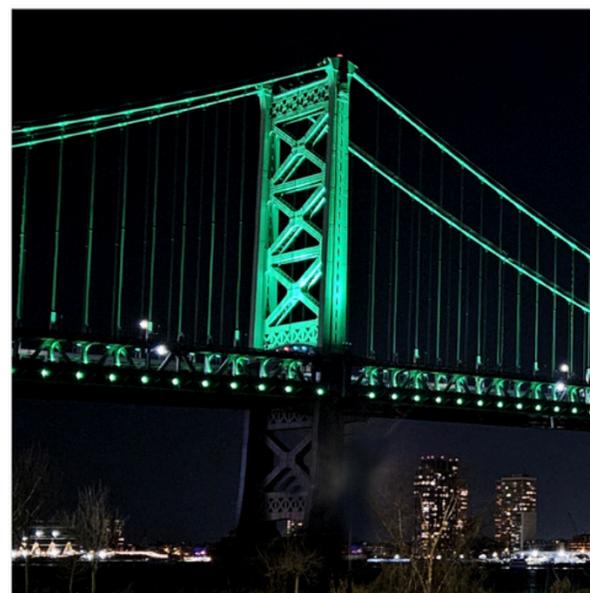
OCT. 7, 2025

Triad 1828 on the Camden Waterfront was lit up in green in honor of National 4-H Week.



OCT. 8, 2025

The next night, the Ben Franklin Bridge was lit up in green for National 4-H Week.



The Philadelphia Skyline was also lit up in green!

GRANTS AND FUNDING



- **2023-28 Co-PI for Children, Youth and Families At-Risk Sustainable Communities Project, USDA-NIFA, urban agriculture and food systems program in Camden and Jersey City. \$653,500. 2023-24 - 10 students; 2024-25 - 10 students. 20 students total.**
- **2021-23 Co-PI and Camden Site Coordinator for NJ 4-H Mentoring Program/OJJDP – one of four sites in NJ. Youth Futures theme - college and career readiness program for Rowan Upward Bound students. 2021-22 – 33 students; 2022-23 – 31 students. \$76,850. 64 students total.**



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CHANGEMAKERS

PROGRAM

Preparing the Next Generation of Urban Food and Agriculture Changemakers (Changemakers) is an 8-month leadership and skill-building program to engage urban at-risk teens in community-based food systems education and urban agriculture, centered on social justice and food security. This 5-year program is funded by USDA-NIFA through 2028.



During July 2025, youth participants in the Food and Agriculture Changemakers Program picked corn, squash, beets, peaches, apples, and nectarines at Mastery High School in Camden.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

NJ 4-H Dept. Chair Matt Newman visited with our grant partner - Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens - and our summer youth participants in Aug. 2025.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FOR 4-H PROGRAMMING

- 2024 Meritorious Service Award, National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals
- 2023 Mary Jane Willis Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
- 2021 Epsilon Sigma Phi Diversity/Multicultural Award, Individual, State and Regional Winner, Northeast Region
- 2020-23 NJA4-HYDP Excellence in Programming Awards, 7 team awards
- 2020-23 NAE4-HYDP Awards – State Winner Specialty Awards – 2; State and Regional Winner Specialty Awards – 1; State, Regional, and National Award Winner – 3. Communicator Awards – State Award – 1; Regional Award – 2. Total of 9 awards.



CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI PROFILES

FALL 2025

Camden County 4-H Prepares Youth for a Bright Future



What is 4-H?

4-H is America's oldest and largest youth development organization. Founded in 1902, 4-H is delivered through the Cooperative Extension system – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation – and boasts 6 million members nationwide. 4-H offers youth in kindergarten through one year out of high school (K-13) the opportunity to join a project-based club where they gain leadership and life skills to master their projects, in such areas as science, engineering and technology, citizenship, and healthy living. With guidance from adult volunteers and county 4-H staff, youth are encouraged to set goals, try new things, and take on proactive leadership roles.

Cooperative Extension is a unique collaboration between Rutgers, The State University, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, and the United States Department of Agriculture. As the community outreach arm of the University, our goal is to help the diverse population of Camden County adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve lives and communities through educational programs that are science based.

Meet a Few of Our Camden County 4-H Alumni Members



CHRISTINA CANIGLIA
SICKLERVILLE, NJ
*Veterinary Student
Schreiber School of
Veterinary Medicine
Rowan University*
Rowan University
Biology, 2022



DR. CHRISTOPHER WACHUKU, JR.
CLEMENTON, NJ
*Resident Physician
Columbia University*
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School,
2024
Rutgers University
Biology, 2015



Just ask any 4-H Alumni to share the various skills they learned through the 4-H program and you will hear any number of

responses, such as:

- Leadership*
- Communication*
- Public Speaking*
- Responsibility*
- Confidence*
- Resilience*
- Teamwork*
- Time Management*
- Critical Thinking*
- Perseverance*
- Compassion*
- Service*

Best of all...

these skills last a lifetime!

Camden County 4-H Alumni Profiles



Impact of the 4-H Program

Grounded in a research-backed approach to positive youth development, 4-H aims to evaluate the impact of 4-H programs and better understand how young people experience the world.

The unique hands-on approach that 4-H provides gives youth the opportunity to learn by doing and build life skills as they prepare for the future, no matter their career goal (National 4-H Council, 2019).



MIRANDA STAFFORD, J.D.
WATERFORD, NJ
Rutgers Law School - Camden, 2024
Rutgers-Camden
Political Science, 2019



DR. JESSICA MIDDLEBERG
SICKLERVILLE, NJ
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
William James College, 2019
Wilson College, 2014



NEETA PATEL
BLACKWOOD, NJ
*M.F.A. Candidate,
Yale University
School of Art,
Graphic Design*
Princeton University
Visual Arts and
Computer Science, 2016

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ANDREA PALEOS
SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Editor, National Board
of Medical Examiners*

Temple University
College of Liberal Arts,
Philosophy, 2021



AUSTIN ELLIS
SICKLERVILLE, NJ

*Senior Associate,
Consumer Intelligence
Capital One*

American University
Business Administration,
2020



BIANCA ABBATE, JD
SICKLERVILLE, NJ

**The George
Washington University**
Law School, 2023

LaSalle University
International Relations,
2021



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LAUREN WEIST
STRATFORD, NJ

*Aerospace Engineer
NASA Ames Research
Center*

Penn State University
Aerospace Engineering,
2022

University of Maryland
Aerospace Engineering,
2020



**ERIKA
PLECZYNSKI**
WATERFORD, NJ

*Water Resources
Project Engineer
Verdantas*

Villanova University
Water Resources and
Environmental
Engineering, 2023
Virginia Tech
Civil Engineering, 2018



SETH TREIMAN
CHERRY HILL, NJ

*Software
Development Engineer
Amazon*

University of Maryland
Computer Science, 2023



4-H Experience Correlates with Success in Life In 2019, a national online survey of more than 6,000 former 4-H members suggests 4-H Alumni benefit significantly from their 4-H experience over the course of their lives - socially, physically, emotionally and economically (National 4-H Council).

The Impact of 4-H

All data suggest that Alumni benefit from the 4-H Model well into adulthood and over the course of their lives, both socially and economically (National 4-H Council, 2019).

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DR. FALLON DUFFY
SEWELL, NJ
*Greenfields
Veterinary Associates*

**Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine,**
2020

Rowan University
Biology, 2015



IAN EDDY
BERLIN, NJ

Paralegal,
Flanagan Law, LLC

**Rowan College of
South Jersey,**
Paralegal Certificate,
2025



SID PARIKH
MARLTON, NJ
*Core Developer
Hudson River Trading*

**Georgia Institute of
Technology**
Computer Science,
2025



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MICHAEL RYAN
CHERRY HILL, NJ
*Stanford University
PhD Student*

Stanford University
MS, Computer Science, 2025

**Georgia Institute of
Technology**
BS, Computer Science, 2023



CRAIG ROBINSON
CHERRY HILL, NJ
*Water Resources
Engineer
Wade Trim*

**University of
Pittsburgh**
Environmental
Engineering, 2023



**KAITLYN
KARPOWICZ**
BLACKWOOD, NJ
*Music Teacher
Deptford Middle School*

Rutgers-Camden
Master of Arts in
Teaching Music and
Special Education, 2022

Rutgers-Camden
Music, 2021

4-H Alumni: Become Community Leaders

More than 6,000 former 4-H members reported feeling comfortable in a leadership role, volunteer in the community, and are politically active (National 4-H Council, 2019).

CAMDEN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM



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