

New
Jersey **4-H**

Leader Training Series



National 4-H Partners

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The Smith-Lever Act of Congress, 1914, created the Cooperative Extension System to provide for a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges and universities located in each state. USDA sets priorities, and the Extension System at the federal level emphasizes initiatives associated with these priorities. These issues and initiatives are in turn emphasized on the state and local levels in programming. USDA also maintains a list of juried 4-H curriculum which meets high standards and is recommended for use throughout the country.

Cooperative Extension System's role changes to meet the changing needs of the nation. It is the people served who are important in Extension programming. The objective in New Jersey is to help the diverse population adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve their lives through an educational process that uses science based knowledge focused on issues and needs relating to Agriculture and the Environment; Management of Natural Resources; Food Safety, Quality and Health; Family Stability; Economic Security; and Youth Development.

The National 4-H Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports the 4-H youth development mission and vision by working to acquire resources for developing and conducting national programs. The National 4-H Center, located just outside Washington, D.C., is owned and operated by the National 4-H Council as a training and development center for 4-H youth and adults. The National 4-H Center's mission is to offer safe, affordable learning experiences in our nation's capital.

National 4-H Council produces educational materials both printed and audio/visual, to help volunteer leaders and 4-H members successfully complete their 4-H projects. A list and order form are included in the National 4-H Sourcebook which is published each year. Contact your county 4-H office for a copy of the catalog.

National 4-H Council and National 4-H Center

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National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Educational programs for adults and youth are offered year round at the National 4-H Center. Some of these programs are listed in the National 4-H Sourcebook

For more information about the different programs and how to register for them contact your county 4-H office or you can call the National 4-H Center at 1-800-FOURHDC (1-800-368-7432).

The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents was organized in 1946 to provide professional development opportunities to Extension agents with 4-H program responsibilities. The mission of this group is to promote, strengthen, enhance and advocate the 4-H youth development profession. By strengthening the profession, 4-H agents and other county and state 4-H staff enhance the quality of the 4-H program in each state and throughout the nation. This group, which numbers over 3,000, holds a conference each year and uses available technology to conduct committee business throughout the year. The New Jersey Association of 4-H agents is our state chapter of this organization and works to support the mission of the national association.

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