



4-H Ag-Venture Day

April 3rd and 4th, 2024 8:30am-4:30pm



 **SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H**

Grades 3rd-6th

Cost per child- \$75

Register by March 29th

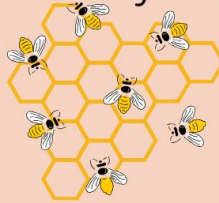
Admission Limited

Register Here:



Join us over spring break for two full days filled with...

- Farm tours
- Beekeeping
- Cooking demos
- Gardening
- Meet and greet some sheep
- Dog breeding workshops



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Ted Blum 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Rd, Bridgewater, NJ
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Presented by Somerset County 4-H



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What is 4-H Ag-Venture Day Takes on Spring Break?

4-H Ag-Venture Day Takes on Spring Break is a two-day program full of hands-on animal science in agriculture learning for youth participants in grades 3rd-6th. This program is presented by the Somerset County 4-H Youth Development Program and will be hosted during Spring Break 2024. Youth will participate in farm tours and hands-on workshops that allow them to learn about a variety of animal science topics in order to further their knowledge of agriculture sustainability.

- The program will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd, and Thursday 4th, 2024** at the Ted Blum 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ.
- Cost per child is \$75. Additional siblings are \$65 each.
- Check-in starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 9:00 am (no need to come early).
- Register by March 29th, 2024
- Event is over by 4:30 pm Please arrive on time to pick up your child.
- A parent/legal guardian **MUST** sign the child in and out of the program. If someone other than the parent/legal guardian is to take the child home, a note from the parent must accompany the child at check-in.
- Children may not leave the program **early** unless a parent/legal guardian signs them out.

Mail or hand deliver registration forms, and payment to the 4-H Center at 310 Milltown Road Bridgewater NJ. The cost per child is \$75. Additional siblings are \$65 each.

Checks should be made payable to: Somerset County 4-H.

Please note: Pictures are taken throughout the day to be used for display and promotional materials. By allowing your child to attend this program, you acknowledge permission to use photos for display and promotional purposes



What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth development program across America. In New Jersey, the 4-H program is open to youth in grades K-13 (one year out of high school). In Somerset County, youth may be involved in more than 65 different 4-H clubs, after-school activities, school enrichment and camping programs. Each summer, the Somerset County 4-H Association holds the Somerset County 4-H Fair at North Branch Park in Bridgewater, NJ. This Fair is an opportunity for youth to display the projects they have been working on throughout the year, take on leadership roles, and have fun. 4-H is part of Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station. 4-H offers educational programs to all youth in 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, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.

Come and take on the Adventure!

Come and take an adventure with the Somerset County 4-H Animal Science clubs. On Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th (8:30 am-4:30 pm) Somerset County 4-H will be presenting 4-H *Ag-Venture Day Takes on Spring Break!* Youth grades 3rd-6th will work together with skilled volunteers to create a better awareness of agriculture sustainability in our community to allow for positive environmental change. These youth participants will gain knowledge and experience in agriculture through a **hands-on educational program on the farm and a hands-on educational workshop at the 4-H Center**. Youth participants will learn how to become better stewards of the land as it relates to agriculture supply chain management. All workshops are taught by 4-H volunteers with a passion for sharing their love of agriculture with youth just like you!

Schedule

Day1 : April 3rd

- 8:30-9:00 am Check In
- 9:00-9:30 am Get to know chaperone/ overview
- 9:30-9:40 Load buses and leave
- 9:40-10:00 Snack/ Travel to Alpaca farm
- 10:00-12:00 Alpaca Farm
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:35-12:45 Load busses
- 12:45-1:15 Travel to Dairy Farm
- 1:25-3:20 Dairy Farm
- 3:20-3:30 Load busses
- 3:30-4:00 Snack/ travel to 4-H office
- 4:00- 4:30 Evaluations and goodbye

Day 2: April 4th

- 8:30-9:00 am Check-in
- 9:00-9:15am Overview
- 9:20-10:20 Workshop 1
- 10:25-11:25 Workshop 2
- 11:30-1 Lunch/ Recess
- 1:05- 2:05 Workshop 3
- 2:10-3:10 Workshop 4
- 3:15-4:15 Workshop 5
- 4:15- 4:30 Evaluations and goodbye

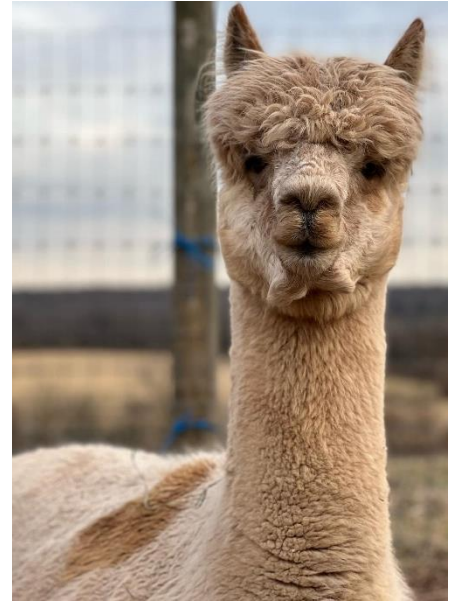


Workshops

April 3rd

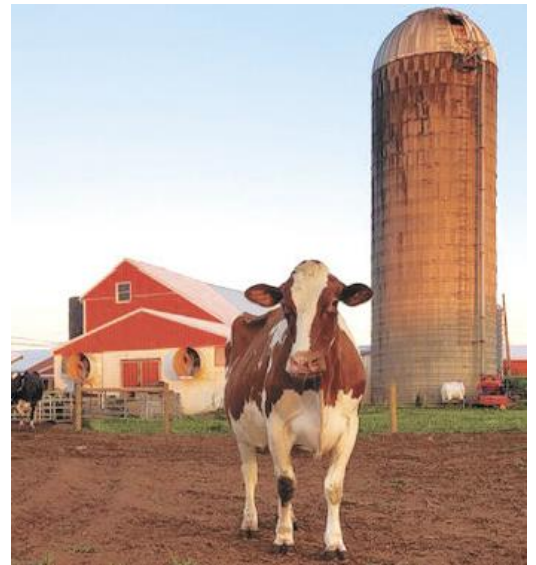
1. Alpacas in Agriculture

This is your opportunity to travel to Swallow Hill Farm, a local Alpaca Farm. You are invited to meet and greet the Alpacas from the 4-H Alpaca Club. The Alpacas are looking forward to teaching you all about their fiber! You will meet a real live Alpaca on the farm to understand how their fiber makes specific clothing we see on the shelves at popular clothing stores. This workshop will be taught by industry professionals who will share their knowledge about Alpaca history, discuss and demonstrate fiber preparation, shearing of the Alpaca, skirting, washing, carding, and spinning the fiber. We welcome you to come and join the adventure!



2. Dairy Farm Tour

This is your opportunity to travel to Middlebush Farms, a local Dairy Farm. On this farm tour, you will learn about all things dairy farming from newborn calf care to milking procedures on the farm. You will learn how cows are cared for, what they eat, and how they produce nature's most nearly perfect drink! Enjoy your tour as you engage with local dairy farmers and the Somerset County New Centre Dairy 4-H Club.



April 4th

3. The Perfect Dog by Design

There are hundreds of unique breeds of dogs in the world. Many breeds were designed to fill a specific need to make human lives easier. In this workshop, participants will explore the wide variety of dog breeds, their histories, and what makes them best suited for their specific role. Participants will learn about the many agriculture-related jobs for dogs both in the field and in the home. With this information, participants will design a new breed of dog to fill a need.



4. What's all the BUZZ about?

An introduction to Honeybees and Beekeeping! Have you ever wanted to know more about honeybees? Have you ever wondered if beekeeping is for you? Would you like to learn about honeybee biology and discover what it takes to become a beekeeper? Bees are vital to a healthy environment, so join us for a presentation that will provide you with an introduction to the unique biology of the honeybee, how they organize their hive, make their honey and what beekeepers do to maintain a healthy colony.



5. Wonderful Wool!

Learn about the sustainability of wool and the way we use this renewable resource in everyday life! Explore the properties of wool and its unique applications for this sustainable, renewable resource. Learn how farmers collect and process wool for clothing, crafts, and more. What makes wool different from other natural and synthetic fibers? And how is wool helping the environment and changing the world? This workshop is presented by the Woolly Ones 4-H Sheep Club.



6. Seeds of Success

Do you know what a seed needs to successfully grow? Come have fun discovering the differences and similarities between gardening and farming. Learn how seeds are alike and different. Plant a seed, take it home, and watch it grow! This workshop is presented by the Somerset County Master Gardeners.



7. Growing with Beans

Presented by the Somerset County Family Community Health Sciences department. Come and learn about how beans grow, find out their nutritional benefits, and make homemade bean hummus. You will be able to sample the hummus you make and take the recipe home to share.





Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the event coordinator(s) (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) code of conduct and (5) media policy. *Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!*

Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of Youth participant: _____ **Grade:** _____

Preferred Pronouns _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you a 4-H member: yes no If yes, what in what 4-H county do you belong? _____

Name of activity/event: Somerset County 4-H Ag-Venture Day Takes on Spring Break


Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: Somerset County 4-H

Location of event: Ted Blum 4-H Center 310 Milltown Rd, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Date and time of participation of individual named above: April 3rd and 4th 8:30 am to 4:30pm

Parent Permission and Release of Liability

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its event coordinator(s) will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them and their Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Boards of County Commissioners, from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

 **Signature of parent or guardian:** _____

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

I authorize the event coordinator(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above-named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the event coordinator(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above-named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.


Name of parent/guardian	Phone number	Name of additional emergency contact	Phone number
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The following information is provided as an aid to the event coordinator(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: _____

Medications/Instructions: _____

Health Insurance: Company Group# _____ ID# _____

 **Signature of parent or guardian** _____

New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct



The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

	_____	_____
	Signature of participant in event	Date
	_____	_____
	Signature of parent or guardian	Date

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose. I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.

No, do not use my name for any purpose.

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