

“4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.”

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FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 Due Date for State 4-H Photography, State Art Contest, State 4-H Fashion Revue, State 4-H Textile Art Contest and State 4-H Talent Show. Entries due to the State 4-H Office
- 16 Fairfield County 4-H Ad Campaign ends
- 16 Fairfield County 4-H Cover contest ends
- 20 State Record Book Committee Meeting, West Hartford

MARCH 2010

- 6 Fairfield County 4-H Science Day, Bethel- Lego Robotics
- 13 State 4-H Day – State Public Presentation Finals, State 4-H Fashion Revue, State 4-H Talent Show, Workshops, Photography, Art and Textile Art Contests, UConn West Hartford Campus
- 24 FC 4-H Volunteer Dinner- Newtown

APRIL 2010

- 14 State 4-H Citizenship Day, Hartford

MAY 2010

- 1 New England 4-H Dog Camp, 1 day, Vernon
- 1 Awards, Camperships and College Scholarship applications due
- 1 CT Report Forms due in Bethel Office for state award consideration
- 15 Set up for 4-H Benefit Horse Show
- 16 Spring Benefit Horse Show
- 17 After Show Pizza Party and Jump Pick Up

Save the date

- June 4 4-H Recognition Night
- June 25-27 4-H Teen Connection Conference at UConn
- July 10 4-H K9 Festival - Bethel

Congratulations to

. . . . County Public Speaking representatives to the State Contest – Andrew Early, Laura Early, Justin Lee and Nicole Cennamo

. . . Fairfield County 4-H Public Speaking Honor Group - Sarah Liska, Emily Rogers, Bridgette Kennedy and Erica Criscione

. . . Public Speaking participants - Nicole Cennamo, Claire Fraise, Elli Edwards, Shannon Spies, Gianna Gerrity, Albert Ferraro, Rebecca Gant, Amanda Connelly, Sarah Liska, Andrew Early, Kristi Allen, Nathan Allen, Justin Lee, Laura Early, Gunnar Williams, Emily Rogers, Bridgette Kennedy, and Erica Criscione

. . . . New leaders, Dave Grubler and Lisa Meade who recently completed 4-H volunteer orientation

Did you know?

. . . The 4-H Afterschool program in Danbury made over 500 presents for local senior citizens.

. . . Fairfield County 4-H recently received a CYFAR (Children Youth and Families at Risk) grant from USDA. The \$50,000 grant will help start an urban garden program for youth affected by incarceration in Bridgeport.

COUNTY HAPPENINGS

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H AD CAMPAIGN COVER CONTEST

Entries are due Feb 16. Entry forms are on the web page- www.fairfieldcounty4h.org

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H AD CAMPAIGN

The Spring Benefit Ad Campaign is the major fundraiser for ALL 4-H programs in Fairfield County. Proceeds are used to support programs like the Fair, our web page, Public Speaking, plus scholarships, camperships, Teen Weekend, Teen Connection and awards given at Recognition Night to name a few. Our goal is \$5,000 and 100% participation; please help make this a successful campaign.

The Campaign ends Feb 16. Forms are on the web page- www.fairfieldcounty4h.org

The second part of our fundraiser is the 4-H Benefit Horse Show, which will be held on May 16, 2010.

4-H SCIENCE DAY

A Lego Robotic workshop will be held on Saturday March 6, 2010, from 1:00pm - 5:00pm at the Fairfield County Extension Center in Bethel. Working in small groups, 4-Hers will build, program and then maneuver their robot through an obstacle course. Interested???? Youth must be at least 9 year old. Registration is limited; spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis. There is a \$5 registration fee. 4-Hers, their friends and youth enrolled in the 4-H Afterschool are welcomed. Complete and mail the attached registration form. Information is on our webpage www.fairfieldcounty4h.org

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H K9 FESTIVAL is HAPPENING!!! SAVE the DATE!

July 10th is the date. This Festival offers something for every dog lover. Match classes in obedience and rally. Agility and Rally clinics, Canine Good Citizen Testing, Photo Contest, and of course Dog Fun Classes. The Festival is open to 4-Hers, their families, and anyone who loves dogs. More info later.

4-H AFTERSCHOOL UPDATE

The over 400 youth in the Danbury 4-H Afterschool has been very busy. For their community service project, they made holiday presents for local senior citizens. Since January they have been conducting hands-on science activities. They were even part of a National 4-H pilot, testing robotic activities.

Every week students also participate in a 4-H walking program. They chose a local Danbury landmark and then as a group, with their pedometers, they “walk” to their spot. This fun activity, gives students about 15 minutes of walking. Maps were donated by McCaffrey Realty Professionals and the pedometers were donated by Union Savings Bank.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TEEN CORNER

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS -- Give yourself a graduation gift and complete a Fairfield County College Scholarship application. Scholarships are available for teens entering technical schools, community and four-year colleges. The award is based on involvement and length of time in

4-H. Scholarships range from \$100 to \$1,000. The form is not on the web page. Call or email Ede for the application.

STATE HAPPENINGS

4-H CONNECTICUT RECORD KEEPING SYSTEM RECORD BOOK COMMITTEE

We conducted a state survey on the Project Sheets and Activity Records currently being used. We are now recruiting leaders and teens for the committee to review the results and make recommendations to the 4-H team. We anticipate 5 monthly meetings on Saturdays at the West Hartford Campus. Our first meeting is scheduled for Feb 20. Let Ede know if you are interested.

STATE 4-H CITIZENSHIP DAY

State 4-H Citizenship Day will be April 14 in Hartford. 4-H'ers age 12 and older and adult volunteers are invited to participate.

2010 4-H TEEN CONNECTION CONFERENCE – Save the Date!!

Teen Connection will be held at the University Friday June 25 to Sunday June 27. **“Passport to Success”** is the theme of the 2010 UConn 4-H Teen Connection Conference. The focus of this conference is careers. Youth attending Teen Connection will have the opportunity to explore various career interests on Saturday, and then on Sunday participate in workshops that foster a positive work ethic. The cumulative

activity on Sunday is Reality Check!, a simulation where teens finally interpret all the data on what they have learned. They project themselves into the future as 25 year olds to make choices and decisions regarding careers, housing, and other lifestyle options. Will they have enough money for the choices they made? Will they like what they see?

This very exciting conference is fun and provides the chance for teens to build connections: in themselves, to each other, to other adults, to the world, and to the resources provided by the University. While living in dorms, youth will experience “campus life” by participating in activities and workshops throughout the University. This conference offers youth experiences above and beyond what is available at the county level; enhances the personal growth of participants; and offers the opportunity to meet teens from across the state. See attached flyer for details.

4-H SCIENCE DAY- "Lego Robotics"

Saturday March 6, 2010

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Fairfield County Extension Center

67 Stony Hill Road, Bethel 06801

Registrations due Feb 26.

Please send completed form and \$5 to 4-H Science, 67 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801. Questions - edith.valiquette@uconn.edu, (203) 207-3264. Checks should be made payable to Fairfield County 4-H.

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