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## **DECEMBER 2009**

### **14 Fairfield County 4-H Ad Campaign Starts**

14 Ad Campaign Cover Contest Starts

## **JANUARY 2010 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **Fairfield County 4-H Ad Campaign Continues**

4 CT 4-H Recognition Forms due to the State 4-H Office for National Conference

9 Creative Arts Skill-a-thon

16 Snow date Creative Arts Skill-a-thon

24 4-H Public Speaking Program, Bethel

### **31 4-H Public Speaking Program, New Haven**

30 State 4-H Equine Public Speaking & Demonstration Contests (*tentative date*)

## **FEBRUARY 2010**

### **Fairfield County 4-H Ad Campaign Continues**

1 Due Date for State 4-H Expressive Arts Day -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

## **March**

6 Fairfield County 4-H Science day

13 CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 25-27 TEEN CONNECITON CONFERENCE, STORRS**

## **WELCOME TO . . .**

. . . Petsofino, a new 4-H club in the greater Brookfield area. Guess what their projects are!!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO¼**

. . . EVERYONE who participated in the Fair and had a great day! Pictures on the webpage soon!

. . . Dogs Rule co-leader, Janice Beekman and her dog Christie who passed the Therapy Dog International certification test!

. . . Our bulb fundraiser was a great success – William Tait sold the most packets- 27. Rebecca Gant, Ashley Malia and Madisen Carly all sold more than 20 packets. Congratulations! William received a \$25 gift card for his efforts.

## **THANK YOU TO ¼**

. . . Fair Board members who planned a great Fair!! Thank you to teen members Sarah Liska, Mark Malia, Kristi Allen, Ashley Malia, Jonathan Malia, Gwen Hawkes, Albert Ferraro, Erica Criscione, Liz LoCascio, Amanda LoCascio, Brendan Williams, Cheyenne Ahmad, Alyssa Marini and adult advisors-Linda Tomas, Joanne Malia, Coreen Ahmad, Liz Smith-LoCascio and Tammy Allen

*A Very Special thank you* to the Beardsley Zoo for hosting this year's Fair.

. . . Members, leaders and parents of Dogs Rule and Petsofino! who volunteered at the recent Therapy Dog evaluation that was held at the Extension Center by Therapy Dogs International.

. . . Shelton Wal-Mart who donated \$1,000 to our Fair Community Service project.

. . . Record Book Evaluations- Donna Liska, Lisa Hawkes, Jami Wallace, and Liz Smith- LoCascio

## **LOOKING FOR ¼**

. . . adults (leaders and parents) and teens to help organize our Dog event July 10. Don't have to have a lot of dog experience - looking for people to help organize demonstrations, vendors and the dog Olympics. Contact Ede if you are interested. Our next meeting is scheduled for early January.

## **COUNTY HAPPENINGS**

### **CALLING ALL HORSE LOVERS- HIPPOLOGY PROGRAM NOW STARTING**

**On the first Friday evening of every month horse lovers of all ages will be learning new things about the horse! The hippology program is open to all. See flyer for more details.**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H AD CAMPAIGN** - The campaign will be conducted from Dec 14 to Feb 16. Forms and info have been sent to leaders and will be on to the web page shortly.

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

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H COVER CONTEST** - The contest will be conducted from Dec 14 to Feb 16. The Entry Form is included in this newsletter.

## **4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM**

**Start planning your presentations now! Dates for the county contests are:**

**Sunday afternoon, January 24 (Fairfield)      Sunday, January 31 (New Haven)**

Like previous years there will be junior and senior divisions, along with your choice of public speaking (use note cards only, no posters or visuals) or visual presentation (illustrated talk, demonstration, power point presentation). Senior and junior winners will qualify to compete at the CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day, March 13.

**Nervous about the Public Speaking event? Why not do a team demonstration? Teams must be composed of TWO people. Both participants must have an equal role in the presentation. Participants must supply their own props. Registration materials have been sent and are also available on our web site.**

## **CLUB ENROLLMENTS- Just a reminder - - -**

Enrollments are due, NOW!!! We do not carry forward mailing lists and must add each year- so your 4-H'ers will be missing out on mailings.

## **NEW 4-H CO-LEADER OR PROJECT LEADER?**

**ALL adults who work with 4-H youth must become "Connecticut registered 4-H volunteers."** This requires completion of a Connecticut 4-H Volunteer Application (available from the 4-H Office or the CT 4-H website). Please be sure that any new 4-H volunteers working with your club are CT registered 4-H volunteers.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS- STAY TUNED!!!**

### **FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H SCIENCE DAY**

Build a Lego robot, program it and have your robot complete an obstacle course; does that sound fun????? It will be happening March 6, at the Bethel Extension Center from 1-5pm. Space is limited so watch for the registration form. Open to 4-Hers 9-19.

### **BABY SITTING COURSE**

Plans are in the works for a Fairfield County 4-H sponsored Red Cross babysitting course with CPR. Probably late March/April.

### **DOG EXTRAVANGA**

We don't have an official name, but we have the date- July 10<sup>th</sup>. Vendors, demonstrations, Canine Good Citizen Testing, dog fun classes, clinics in Rally and Agility, and competitions in obedience and rally. This is the place to be if you love dogs and want to learn. Mark your calendars now!

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR 09 REVIEW

Close to 10,000 items were collected for our “Goodie Bags”. This was a best community service project yet! Thank you to all the clubs who participated in helping our soldiers stationed overseas receive a little bit of home.

### Fair Budget Summary

COMMITTEE	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
FOOD	\$211	\$150.86	\$60.14
EXHIBITS	0	0	0
WORKSHOPS	\$30	\$176.03	-\$146.03
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$1030	About 400	630
GOOD GOOFY FUN	0	0	0
SCARECROWS	0	0	0
T-SHIRT/COVER /SLOGAN	\$56	\$241.04	-\$185.04
MISC	\$118	\$487.12	-\$369.12
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE START-UP CONTRIBUTION	\$1550		\$1550
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2995	About \$1455.05	About \$1539.95 (start up) <u>\$1550.</u> -\$10.05

In addition to the Talent Show, State Photography Contest and State Art Contest, the State 4-H Expressive Arts Day, will include the State Textile Arts Contest, State Public Speaking program and the State Fashion Revue. Workshops, lunch and an awards program will complete the day. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS (except Public Speaking) are due by midnight February 1, 2010).** The complete STATE 4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS DAY packet is on the State 4-H web page- [www.4-h.uconn.edu](http://www.4-h.uconn.edu).

A summary is included in this newsletter. Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day Registration Form is attached in this newsletter and is on the State Webpage. You must complete this form and return by Feb 1 to be included in all activities on State Expressive Arts Day.

### Photography and Art Contest

Artwork and Photos must be mailed to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134.

### Talent Show

Entries must be mailed sent to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134. Entries must include registration form along with a standard VHS videotape, CD or DVD of the intended performance.

## **Textile Arts Contest**

Exhibits must be pre-registered. Although the registration form must be submitted and sent to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134, no later than February 1, 2010, entries must be submitted to the New Haven County Extension Center by February 1, 2010. Specific contest information will then be mailed to participants after their February 1 registration has been received.

## **State Fashion Revue**

Exhibits must be pre-registered. All 4-Hers (ages 7-19) are invited to participate in the Fashion Revue at Connecticut Expressive Arts Day. There will not be any local revues this year so this is your opportunity to participate with a garment that you make or one that you select. More information will be sent directly to you after you register. Seniors, 13 and over, will be eligible to be selected to a State Court of Honor.

4-H Fashion Revue participants will have the opportunity to attend workshops, have their outfits evaluated and model them for family, friends and other participants during the Program. 4-Hers can register for the *Incredible Creations* category where the participant must sew the complete outfit or the *Smart Shopper* category where after completing the Smart Shopper Workbook, they complete an outfit for \$35.00 or less.

Registrations must be sent to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134. Anyone can enter the State Fashion Revue.

## **State Public Speaking Contest**

**Participants for these contests are selected at the County level.**

*The Junior Public Speaking Program* Each county is invited to send 1 junior (age 9-12 as of 1/1/010) in the visual presentation category and one in the speech category. Delegates from each county will compose the Junior Elite Speaker Corps. Junior Elite speakers will give their presentation at the State program and judges will provide comments to each speaker. Junior Elite speakers will receive recognition for being chosen as a county delegate during the Awards portion of State Expressive Arts Day. The highest scoring junior speaker in each division will receive special recognition. All presentations and speeches must be done individually and last 3-8 minutes.

*The Senior Public Speaking Contest* remains the same. Each county may send one senior (age 13-18 as of 1/1/010) finalist in the speech category (using note cards only) and one senior finalist in the visual presentation category. Visual presentations may be a demonstration (one person, not a team), illustrated talk or Power Point presentation. All presentations and speeches must be done individually and last 5-8 minutes.

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Please return registration form by close of business on **Monday, February 1** to **Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134**. Include \$10.00 registration fee for each person. Make checks payable to the University of Connecticut. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wilhelm at 888-368-7428 or [nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu](mailto:nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ County 4-H Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Session I Choices: (Please make one choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Talent Show Practice

\_\_\_\_\_ Origami Workshop

**Session II Choices: (Please make one choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Origami Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_ Creating with Scraps Workshop

**Lunch:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I will be attending lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ No I will not be attending lunch.

If you have any special dietary needs, or if special accommodations are needed, please indicate in writing below. Requests for special accommodations should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**4-H BENEFIT HORSE SHOW  
COVER CONTEST**

What does 4-H mean to you? What do you like best about 4-H? Submit a cover and show us. The cover does not have to be about horses- it does have to be about 4-H. The winning cover will be used on the Benefit Horse Show (spring and fall) programs.

Send your design to: Ray Steiger, 27 Evergreen Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 by February 16.  
**DO NOT FOLD THE PAGE. SEND IT FLAT. Use BLACK ink or marker ONLY. NO Pencil. Draw your design in the box below. DO NOT INCLUDE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW ON YOUR COVER.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (must have) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**WANT TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT HORSES?**

How About the Best Way to Build a Barn, Feed a Horse, Diseases,  
Foot Care, Tack, Breeds and Evolution?

Play Horse Jeopardy

Participate in the State Contest

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**First Friday of every month  
at the Bethel Extension Center- White Building**

**For more information contact  
Jami Wallace 860-355-3120 or [equifin@att.net](mailto:equifin@att.net)**

# PLANNING COMMITTEE NOW FORMING FOR STATE 4-H CITIZENSHIP DAY 2010!!!

## State Citizenship Planning Committee

We need to start planning a great program; so if you are a returning member, or a new and interested member, our first planning meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the New Haven Extension Office. I hope you are all able to attend! If you cannot, but are still interested, please contact Peggy. We need all of your ideas to make this a successful day! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the Committee or Citizenship Day: please contact me at (860) 268-1412 or at mtanner19@yahoo.com

Thank you, Meghan Tanner, Teen Coordinator

## Teens and adult volunteers are invited to join the 2010 State 4-H Citizenship Day planning committee



### Committee Expectations

- Teens must be at least 13 years of age.
- Previous attendance at 4-H Citizenship Day would be helpful.
- Committee members must be able to attend at least 50% of the 4 or 5 planning meetings. The first meeting will be held at the New Haven County Extension Center in North Haven.
- Committee members must attend State 4-H Citizenship Day in Hartford on April 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative date).

**First planning committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**New Haven County Extension Center, North Haven**

Meeting Agenda- Get acquainted; Establish goals for the day; Review Citizenship Day 09;  
Establish sub-committees for Citizenship Day 10

INTERESTED? RSVP your interest and/or attendance at this meeting to Lorraine Downing (for Peg Grillo), 203-407-3161 or lorraine.downing@uconn.edu

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(directions →)

# Directions to the New Haven County Volunteer Recognition Night

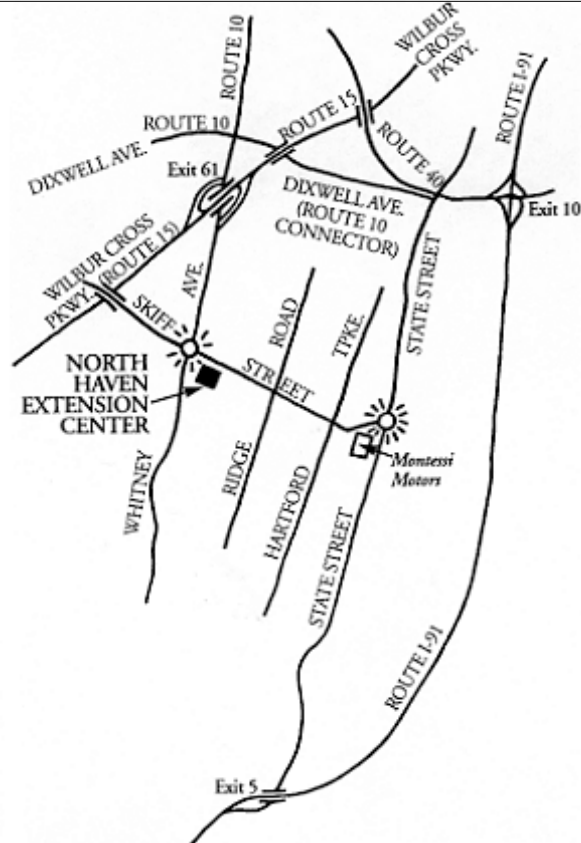
## New Haven County Extension Center 305 Skiff Street, North Haven, CT 06473 203-407-3161

Wilbur Cross Parkway Going South: Take Exit 61, the second exit in the direction of New Haven. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Whitney Avenue. Travel on Whitney approximately one mile. When you come to the second traffic light, turn left onto Skiff Street. The driveway to the Cooperative Extension Center is immediately on your right.

Wilbur Cross Parkway Going North: Take Exit 61. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Whitney Avenue. Travel on Whitney approximately one mile. When you come to the second traffic light, turn left onto Skiff Street. The driveway to the Cooperative Extension Center is immediately on your right.

From I-91 Going North: Take Exit 5, State Street. At the end of the ramp, continue straight on State Street. Travel approximately four miles. At the traffic light just past Montessi Motors on the left side of the street, turn left onto Skiff Street. Follow Skiff Street approximately two miles, crossing Hartford Turnpike and Ridge Road. The Cooperative Extension Center and the access to the parking lot will be on your left just before Whitney Avenue.

From I-91 Going South: Take Exit 10 onto the Route 10 connector. Go to the end of the connector and turn left onto Whitney Avenue. Travel on Whitney Avenue approximately two miles. When you come to a traffic light, turn left onto Skiff Street. The driveway to the Cooperative Extension Center is immediately on your right.

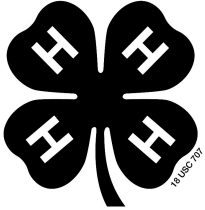


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**STATE 4-H  
EXPRESSIVE ARTS DAY!!!!  
March 13, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m  
UConn West Hartford Campus**



**Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day  
Registration Form**

Please check off all that apply:

- I will be participating in the 4-H Fashion Revue. Fashion Revue participants do not make workshop selections.
- I will be participating in the Connecticut 4-H Photography & Art Contest.
- I will be participating in the Textile Arts Contest.
- I will be participating in the 4-H Talent Show.
- Adult/parent attending with youth participant