Essex/Hudson County 4-H Fall Fair Project Exhibit Booklet

FAIR 2016
Dear 4-H members and Essex County Community Members,

We would like to invite you and your families to the Essex County 4-H Fall Fair. The fair will be held in partnership with the 11th Annual Fall Family Festival at the Essex County Environment Center, 621 Eagle Rock Road, Roseland NJ on Saturday, September 24th from 11AM to 4PM. All Essex County youth are welcome to participate!

This booklets provides detailed information about submission of project entries. Youth can submit projects in any of the fall divisions including: Fruits & Vegetables, Outdoor/Indoor Gardening, and Food & Nutrition. We will collect submissions for projects to be showcased at Garibaldi Hall on Friday, September 23rd between 3:00 and 5:00pm or on September 24th between 8:30 and 9:30am. This year each Division includes a photography class where youth can submit pictures with captions of plant identification or showcasing. On Saturday morning the projects will be judged based on the Danish judging system and all projects will receive a ribbon and written recognition. The "Best of Division" award winners may even win a small cash award! During the 11th Annual Fall Family Festival, all projects will be showcased for families and community members to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you and your families at the fair. Please remember to stop by the 4-H activity station and say hello. If you are interested in learning more about our 4-H program or how you can get involved in more 4-H projects, please call the office @ 973-353-1337.

We are looking forward to a great fair this year!

Yours in 4-H,

Marissa Blodnik
4-H Program Associate
4-H Judging

**4-H Judging** uses the Danish system in which each item is evaluated against a standard. Therefore, many exhibits will receive Excellent, Very Good, or Good ratings. If there are three or more entries, one exhibit in each Division or Class may receive a rosette.

The **Purpose of Competition** is to allow the participants to test their skills and take part in a POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

What do Ratings We Use and What do They Mean?

- **Excellent:** Outstanding work, meets at least 90% of the criteria.
- **Very Good:** Well done, needs a little improvement.
- **Good:** Good effort, project entry did not follow guidelines.
- **Cloverbud:** Will only be judged for participation and will receive Cloverbud Ribbon per project entry.
- **Best in Division***: Best overall project for the division
- **Best in Class***: Best overall project for the class

* All Best in Division projects will be awarded a $5 premium and Best in Class will be awarded $3. Premiums will be awarded at the Annual Achievement Ceremony.

Project Entry Guideline

All Essex County Youth ages K-13 (one year out of high school) may enter projects. Cloverbud members and Youth grades K-3, may enter any division, but will only be judged for participation and will receive Cloverbud Ribbon per project entry.

**Individuals can enter up to 3 projects** per class and there is no maximum for entries per division.

**Registration Form** must be filled out for general public entries (**non-4-H members**) and emailed, mailed or faxed to the 4-H office prior to September 24th. (can be found on page 3)

**Project Drop-off** is Friday the night before fair between 3 and 5pm or Saturday the day of fair between 8:30 and 9:30 am. Any exhibits arriving after that will be displayed but will NOT be judged.

**Exhibitor Tags** must accompany all entries. Participants can contact the 4-H office for fair tags or tags can be completed during drop-off.

**Project removal** is asked after 3:45 pm and before 4:15 pm on the day of fair. Project that left behind will be sent to the 4-H office.

**Fall Project Divisions** include: Fruits & Vegetables, Outdoor/Indoor Gardening, and Food & Nutrition.

**Spring Project Divisions** include: Technology, Writing, Arts and Crafts, Environmental Education, and Small Animals

**Ribbons and premiums** will be made according to the Danish system. See 4-H Judging (page 2 for more info). **Rosettes** may be awarded to Best Exhibit in each Class or Division, when there are at least 3 entries in that Class or Division.

The 4-H Association will not be liable for damage or loss due to fire, theft or any cause whatsoever and the exhibitor shall hold the 4-H Association blameless for any loss and upon this condition ONLY are all entries and exhibits accepted.
Essex County 4-H Fair Exhibit Entry Form for Public Entry Form for Non-4-H Members

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ____________ Contact #: ___________________________

Name of Club (If Applicable):

Exhibits can be a result of club work or individual work including school assignments:

- Project must be dropped off @ Garibaldi Hall (cabin next to the Environmental Center), on Friday, September 23rd between 3:00 and 5:00 pm or on September 24th between 8:30 and 9:30 am as judging will begin promptly at 9:30.
- Exhibit Entry Tags will be completed when exhibits arrive at the Fair.
- Please remember to list all possible items you want to enter in the Fair on this form.
- Participants may enter up to 3 entries per division.
- Please email Essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu or fax 973-353-1430 this form to county 4-H office by September 23rd.
- If you have any questions about completing this Exhibit Entry Form please contact us!

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DIVISION I – FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Classes

- Any youth who has helped raise the plant is eligible to exhibit
- Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties or types of vegetables in each class
- All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption (do not take away points if this is not complete)

1. Seedling – any fruit or vegetable
2. Beets – 1-2 with tops removed
3. Broccoli – 2 stalks
4. Cabbage, white or red – 1 head
5. Carrot – 1 including leaves
6. Corn-2 ears
7. Cucumbers – 3
8. Eggplant – 1
9. Lima Beans, pole or bush – 6 pods
10. Lettuce, 1 head
11. Lettuce – leafy - 2 plants
12. Muskmelon – 1
13. Onions – 3
14. Parsnips - 3, all but 1"- 2" of tops removed
15. Peppers – 3, any variety
16. Potatoes, any variety – 3
17. Pumpkin – 1
18. Radish – all but 1" -2" of tops removed
19. Snap beans, green – 6 pods
20. Snap beans, yellow – 6 pods
21. Squash, any variety – 1
22. Sweet corn - 3 ears, husk partly removed
23. Tomatoes, large red – 3
24. Tomatoes, cherry – 6
25. Turnips - 3, all but 1”-2” of tops removed
26. Gourds – 2 specimens
27. Fresh herb bundle multiple variety New!
28. Fresh herb bundle single variety New!
29. Sample of dried and cursed herbs (min. 1 tbs)
30. One vegetable presenting unusual or freak growth
31. Arrangement of vegetables in container
32. Patio tomato plant, potted
33. Fruit – 3 specimens
34. Other vegetable, fruits, or herbs not listed above
35. 1 Picture of any of the items listed in this division with a description of the produce type and location grown. New!
36. 1 Picture that helps describe your experience growing fruits, vegetables, and herbs along with a paragraph explanation. New!
37. 1 Picture of you eating your favorite fruit or vegetable including in the caption some health facts for that food. New!

Farmers Corner (25-29 to be judged using Division 1 Rubric)

38. 2 chicken Eggs
39. 2 duck Eggs
40. 2 quail Eggs
41. 3 feathers from a farm animal
42. A picture with you and your pet that can be found on a farm. Include a short description of the breed and role on the farm.
DIVISION II – OUTDOOR GARDENING

Classes
- Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties in each class
- Outdoor gardening projects may be presented in a vase, pot, or plated for display
- All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption (do not take away points if this is not complete)

1. Seedling – any flower
2. Ageratum – 3 sprays
3. Annual phlox – 3 blooms
4. Perennial phlox – 3 blooms
5. Asters, any variety – 4 blooms
6. Calendula – 5 blooms
7. Cosmos – 5 blooms
8. Cockscomb – 2 spikes
9. Dahlia, small – 5 blooms
10. Dahlia, large – 2 blooms
11. Gaillardia – 5 blooms
12. Gladiolus – 3 spikes
13. Marigolds, large type – 4 blooms
14. Marigolds, dwarf varieties – 6 blooms
15. Nasturtiums – 6 blooms
16. Petunias, any type, mixed colors – 6 blooms
17. Scabiosa – 5 blooms
18. Snapdragons – 4 spikes
19. Verbenas – 4 blooms
20. Zinnias, large flowering, mixed colors – 4 blooms
21. Zinnias, pompons, mixed colors – 6 blooms
22. Other annual flowers – 4 blooms or 3 stalks each variety
23. Other perennial flowers – 4 blooms or 3 stalks each variety
24. Rooted cuttings, deciduous or evergreen shrubs – 2 specimens of each variety in a container
25. 3 Scotch Pine seedlings, less than a year old or 1-2 years old, may be planted in pots or a container.
26. Any other tree seedling less than 1 year old
27. Any other outdoor potted flowering plant
28. A mud pie made of natural materials New!
29. 1 Picture of any of the items listed in this division with a description of the plant type and location grown. New!
30. 1 Picture that describes your experience in the garden including a 1 paragraph story to go along with it. New!
31. 1 Picture of an invasive species with a description of location and plant type. New!
32. 1 Picture of an indigenous plant with a description of location and type. New!
33. 1 Picture of a garden pest including the location spotted, type of pest and advice on pest removal. New!
34. 1 Picture of your favorite outdoor plant and a description of why it is your favorite. New!
DIVISION III – INDOOR GARDENING

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-Outdoor gardening projects may be presented in a vase, pot, or plated for display
-Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties in each class
-All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption (do not take away points if this is not complete)

House Plants
1. Mature African Violet plant
2. Mature Philodendron plant
3. Any other flowering plant – 1 of each variety
4. Any other foliage plant – 1 of each variety
5. Two rooted cuttings – flowering plant
6. Two rooted cuttings – foliage plant
7. One young flowering plant, less than 1 year old
8. One young foliage plant, less than 1 year old
9. Cacti
10. Succulents

Dish Gardens
11. Woodland or field and meadow materials
12. Desert material
13. Tropical material

Terrariums
14. Tropical plant material
15. Woodland plant material

Flower Arrangements
16. Garden flowers in shades of yellow and or orange
17. Garden, pastel shades – not to exceed six inches over all
18. Flowers and foliage in a kitchen utensil
19. Common wild flowers - daises, clovers, grasses
20. One right angle arrangement
21. One horizontal arrangement
22. 4-H arrangement (green and white)
23. Garden flowers in shades of red and white
24. Tray Composition suggesting a 4-H garden - fresh plant materials, 12'X16”
25. Hanging baskets
26. Arrangements or bouquets made of dried materials
27. Crazy Critters” – sculptures made of fruits and vegetables
28. Any crafted item made with your dried or pressed flowers.
29. 1 Picture of your favorite indoor flower or plant, its name and a description of how you should care for it. New!
30. 1 Picture of a flower arrangement you created and a description of your process of putting it together. New!
DIVISION IV – FOOD & NUTRITION

- Hot or perishable food exhibits must be submitted Saturday between 8:30-9:30 A.M. Other foods can be submitted on Friday between 3-5.
- There may be only one entry to a class. Exception: 2 different recipes/products may be entered in a class, i.e. Class 13. Sugar and Gingerbread Cookies
- Special $5.00 award for best entry in yeast baking classes
- Prepared mixes may NOT be used/ All must be homemade
- A copy of the recipe printed should accompany each entry
- Please make note if the recipe is an original creation
- Exhibitors entering a cake may enter either the whole cake or ½

Classes

BAKING
1. 3 drop biscuits
2. 4 oatmeal drop cookies
3. 4 any type drop cookies
4. 3 Snickerdoodle cookies
5. 3 rolled cookies
6. 3 cookies, squares or bars (includes brownies)
7. 3 yeast rolls
8. 1 loaf bread made with yeast
10. 1 loaf or corn bread
11. 3 pieces quick bread
12. 2 decorated sugar cookies
13. Any other yeast product
14. Apple crisp
15. 1 cake, pie, or cookies made with items from your garden
16. 1 pie
17. 1 cake
18. 3 muffins
19. 3 cupcakes
20. Any other baked item not listed

SANDWICHES, SALADS AND ENTRÉES
21. 1 cold cut sandwich (ham, bologna, turkey, etc.)
22. 1 variation salad (chicken, tuna, etc)
23. 1 individual serving of fruit salad
24. 1 serving of garden salad
25. 2 hard boiled eggs, shelled & cut in half (who can make the best egg?)
26. 1 serving of a home made soup or chowder
27. 1 serving of simple casserole
28. 1 serving dish of cooked vegetable (preferably a fresh vegetables)
29. 1 pizza
30. 1 serving of pasta dish
31. 1 serving of uncooked vegetable
32. 1 plated dinner of your choice that includes the full MyPlate

FRUITS, SNACKS AND DIPS, ETC
33. Any type of homemade candy
34. 1 dish with ingredients from your garden (can include 2 items from the garden)
35. 1 jar of jelly
36. 1 jar of jam, jelly or marmalade or conserve
37. 1 jar salsa New!
38. 1 jar of pickled vegetables(any type)
39. 1 jar of hot sauce
40. 1 cup of smoothie-any variation
41. Homemade flavored vinegars/oils
42. Any home made pickles or pickled vegetables
43. Any other fruit, snack or canned item not listed

NON-FOOD ITEMS
44. 1 daily menu, nutritionally well balanced
45. 1 decorated hard boiled egg New!
Division XI – Miscellaneous

Classes
- Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties of projects in each class
- All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption (do not take away points if this is not complete)

HOME FURNISHINGS
1. Notebook or portfolio showing room arrangement ideas, color combinations, fabric swatches and what they can used for
3. Floor plans “before” and “after” or rearrangement showing placement of furniture
4. Refinished furniture – may enter more than one article
5. Any handmade room accessory

CONSUMERISM
6. Poster showing some aspect of consumer education

WOODWORKING
7. A woodworking article – kit
8. A woodworking article – original

COLLECTIONS
9. A collection of pictures highlighting your club
10. Coin collection
11. Any collection of five or more items which does not fit in another division.

Clothing
12. A handmade article of clothing

Landscaping
13. A before and after picture of a landscape your helped to redo

Back to Nature New!
14. A handmade bird house
15. A bird house from a kit
16. A fairy house
17. A garden art piece
18. A pet rock
19. A hand painted flower pot (empty)
20. Wind chime
21. Tie dyed item with natural dye
22. Tie dyed item with dye kit
23. Sun dial
24. Lego model of nature scene

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All Essex County youth are welcome to participate. Pumpkins may be dropped off during the listed project entry times and will be displayed as part of the 4-H Fair Exhibit. Entrees will receive a ribbon for participation and selected will be judged for the above categories.
ARTISTS WANTED!

DESIGN THE 4-H FAIR
PROGRAM COVER

This is your chance to help promote the fair theme for this year!

4-H: Autumn Harvest

Illustrate this theme in a clear and simple way
All 4-H members may enter
Cloverbud members (grades K-3) may participate, but will not be judged

- Size = 4”x5”
- Fold a letter-sized paper in half TWICE to make sure the drawing fits
- The image must be HAND DRAWN
- Use a #2 DARK pencil
- You are only responsible for the PICTURE

- The winning entry will be put on the Essex County 4-H Fair Cover
- The date, location, and "Essex County 4-H Fair" will be put on the cover by someone else
- Put your name, club, and current grade in school on the back

Entries will be judged on
- theme design (35 points)     • theme message (20 points)
- neatness (35 points)          • 4-H Clover (10 points)

Your entry MUST have
- 4-H CLOVER (with no distortions or additions)
- vertical orientation

All entries will receive ribbons and will be exhibited at the fair.
The designer of the winning entry will receive $25
at Achievement Night.

MAIL: Essex County 4-H Youth Development
      162 Washington Street
      Newark, NJ 07102
FAX: 973-353-1430
Fax deadline
Postmark deadline:

CALL (973) 373-1337 with any questions
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