

Guide for Families Interested in Joining a 4-H Community Club

How to join a club in 6 Easy Steps:

1. Review our clubs and program opportunities online. For all clubs you can register using step 2, for programs, please use the forms provided on the website. www.essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h
2. Go to www.4honline.com
3. Create a family profile.
4. Add a youth member. Each additional child must be added individually under the family profile.
5. Select up to 4 clubs to join per child. (Cat club, Lego club, gardening club or any club you like).
6. Receive a confirmation email from the county office with information about upcoming dates, times, meeting locations and introducing you to the volunteer club leader (we have a small staff so please be patient for a reply).
7. Attend your first meeting.
8. For any issues with 4-H online, please email Chrys at cg709@njaes.rutgers.edu.

The 4-H Club Experience

4-H clubs consist of five or more participants lead by adult volunteers who teach hands-on projects featuring life skills around specific areas of interest. Through 4-H, people across the county form a network of families who share the goal of *making the best better* by empowering our kids to be conscientious leaders within the world community. Our tools are our **Heart, Head, Hands and Health**.

4-H Membership

We ask that all members ANNUALLY try to:

- Participate in at least 70% of club meetings.
- Participate in the Spring and/or Fall 4-H Fair.
- Complete a community service project.
- Participate in a 4-H fundraising event for a club.
- Participate in a public presentation.



The 4-H Parent

Parents, 4-H cannot grow nor sustain without your participation. Raising little ones keeps you busy. They grow so fast. Parental participation gives you and your child a chance to bond over shared interests, community activism, fun learning experiences and much more. Let us know if you can get involved by emailing us at cg709@njaes.rutgers.edu call or text 201-247-7726. 4-H is a not-for-profit organization so every little bit helps. Bring snacks, invite new members, organize a club, carpool, help coordinate an event or whatever your spirit guides you to do.