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4-H LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 19

Forty-four (44) 4-H members representing 13 counties will be participating in the Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Leadership Conference scheduled for March 19 on the G.H. Cook Campus at Rutgers University in Middlesex County. Twenty 4-H members representing seven counties participated in the Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference held on February 20 in Gloucester County.

In today’s world, human productivity and success are a result of leadership skills and abilities. Leadership is an essential life skill to develop in both youth. Although every young person has some leadership potential, the skills necessary to be a leader do not necessarily develop in the natural course of life.

The Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Leadership Conference will provide an opportunity for middle school age youth to learn about and develop leadership knowledge and skills through large and small group interactive workshops and hands-on activities. In addition, conference participants will meet 4-H’ers from across New Jersey; make new friends; and gain valuable life skills including understanding self, communicating, getting along with others, decision making, and working with groups.

4-H members participating in the Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Leadership Conference on March 19th include:

- Bergen County – Amber Scully and Catherine Scully
- Camden County – Cole Johnson
- Hunterdon County – Ashlee Gibbons, Taylor Lengen, Andrew Lederach and Jadin Zaccagnino
- Mercer – Jeffrey Salvador
- Monmouth County – Shawn Hill, Charly Hunter, Hanna Salant and Olive Scaff
- Morris County – Kristin Osika
- Ocean County – Claudia Steffen
- Passaic County – Jahmiere Artis, Katherine Casson, Amber Meiner, Carly Meiner, and Isabella Sardina
- Somerset County – Owen Gavigan, Megan Norz, Megan Van Antwerp and Jason Wang
- Sussex County – Olivia Marion, Sophia Marion, Madeline Miller and Natalie Stefankiewicz
- Union County – Jack Eckstine, Ryan Jones and Vijay Sreenivasan
- Warren County – Karson Smith and Kylea Smith

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13 (one year out of high school), 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.

For more information about the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program visit the website at http://nj4h.rutgers.edu or contact Jeannette Rea-Keywood, State 4-H Agent at reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu.

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