



State 4-H Small Animal Project Educational Symposium
February 24, 2018
REGISTRATION PACKET

What: The State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium hosted by the *State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory Council* will provide an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders and parents to participate in a variety of educational events all in one day. Workshops and activities planned include: art show; rabbit hopping workshop, cavy agility workshop; egg and poultry workshops; rabbit management, conditioning, showmanship, breeds, and tattooing workshops; reptile workshop; and small animal selection, care and showmanship workshops.

Who: This event is open to 4-H members in grades 4-13, 4-H leaders and parents who are involved in the rabbit, cavy, small animal, herpetology and poultry 4-H project areas.

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018 – 9:15 AM-3:45 PM

Where: Office of Government Services, Cooperative Extension/4-H Office, 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton

Registration: The cost is \$15.00 per person for youth and adults (includes lunch, registration for morning and afternoon workshops, and program supplies). To register, please complete the State 4-H Small Animal Project Educational Symposium Registration Form and the 4-H Event Permission Form. The deadline for registration is **February 12**. The forms and a check made payable to *Rutgers University* should be sent to: Jeannette Rea-Keywood, 1636 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, New Jersey 08204

Tentative Schedule:

9:15-9:45 AM Registration & Animal Health Checks

9:15-9:45 AM Art Show Entries Due

9:50-10:50 AM Session 1

- Cavy Agility
- Egg Quality and Grading
- Rabbit and Poultry Processing
- Conditioning Your Rabbit for Show

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Session 2

- Protecting Your Flock from Predators
- Lop Breeds
- Advanced Rabbit Showmanship
- Conditioning and Showmanship of Small Animals

12:05-12:55 PM Lunch
View Art Show Entries

1:00-2:20 PM Session 3

- Rabbit Hopping
- Reptile Care, Management, and Exhibition
- Beginner and Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship
- Everyone Loves Chicken
- Advanced Rabbit Management



2:30-3:30 PM Session 4

- Fiber Art
- Rabbit Tattooing
- The Amazing Egg
- Breeds, Selection, and Care of Small Animals and Cavy

3:30-3:45 PM Closing and Evaluation

All Day – The Art Show will be held throughout the day. Entries will be accepted 9:15-9:45 AM. Symposium participants may view exhibits throughout the day. All entries must be picked up by 3:45 PM. The entry fee is \$1.00 per item if the 4-H member is NOT registered for the State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium.

This event is open to all New Jersey 4-H Club members in grades 4-13. Grade is determined by the grade in which the member is enrolled as of September 2017. Participant must also be a registered club member as of January 1, 2018 and be a member in good standing.

1. There will be an entry fee of \$1.00 per item if 4-H member is NOT registered for the State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium.
2. Junior Exhibitors are Grade 4-8, Senior Exhibitors are Grade 9-13.
3. **All entries must follow a rabbit, cavy, small animal, poultry or herpetology theme.** Other themes will not be accepted.
4. The 4-H'er does not have to be present to participate. Entries may be brought and picked up by another person from your county.
5. All artwork must be received by 9:45 AM and must be picked up by 3:45 PM that day.
6. There will be four (4) classes:
 - *Visual Art (2-D or 3-D)* (collages, etching, sculpture and drawings, paintings or sketches done in water color, acrylic, ink, colored pencil, chalk, pastel, etc.)
 - *Craft* (Fiber art, painted eggs, puppet, weaving, needlepoint, stained glass, ceramics or pottery, etc.)
 - *Photography* (color or black and white)
 - *Creative Writing* - Essay, Short Story, Poem or Children's Story
7. All art work must be the original art work done by the 4-H member. Photo's must have been taken by the 4-H'er. All items should be presented as a finished product.
8. Each 4-H member may enter a maximum of 2 items per class.
9. Awards - There will be ribbons for 1st - 3rd place in each division and class.
10. Visual art and crafts will be judged on Originality/Creativity, Composition, Craftsmanship, Use of Materials and Presentation.
11. Photos will be judged on Composition, Quality, Storytelling and Presentation.
12. Creative writing will be judged on Creativity, Originality, Presentation and Technical Merit.



PLEASE SELECT ONE WORKSHOP PER SESSION AND INDICATE IT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.

WORKSHOP SESSION 1 (Morning)

Cavy Agility - Learn the basics of cavy agility including rules, procedures, equipment and courses, and training.

Egg Quality and Grading – Learn how to grade the interior and exterior quality of an egg.

Rabbit and Poultry Processing - This workshop will teach the basics of processing meat chickens and meat rabbits on a small homestead scale. Various techniques of killing, butchering and processing will be covered, including demonstrations of humane and efficient methods (not live). *Please note: Photos and videos of graphic material will be included, as related to home meat processing.*

Conditioning Your Rabbit for Show - This workshop will provide information on standards of perfection with regard to flesh and fur. You will learn tips to how to condition your rabbit for show.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2 (Morning)

Protecting Your Flock from Predators - This workshop will review known and unknown predators; their hunting habits; and what your flock provides for them. Tips and tricks on how to safeguard your flock from expensive to do it yourself methods will be discussed.

Lop Breeds - Learn about the five types of lop breeds and the differences in body type and size, head, ears, and crown.

Conditioning and Showmanship of Small Animals - This workshop will provide information on how small animals are judged and how to select, condition, and show a small animal.

Advanced Rabbit Showmanship - Participants will learn procedures and practice skills necessary for advanced showmanship classes. *Note:* Bring a rabbit with you to practice with during the workshop.

WORKSHOP SESSION 3 (Afternoon)

Rabbit Hopping - This workshop will provide an overview of rabbit hopping including good breeds for hopping; types of courses; competition format and rules; equipment; how to train a rabbit for hopping competitions. *Note:* You may bring a rabbit with you to practice with on the hopping course. Below are the specifics regarding the rabbit hopping practice course:

- Will take place inside the building on foam mats.
- H style harnesses and leashes are required.
- Rabbits must be at least 4 months of age to compete, and must be free of diseases and parasites.
- Practice course will consist of a straight line course with 6-8 jumps maximum height 10”.

For complete rules and more information on rabbit hopping go to:

nj4-hsmallanimalprojectadvisorycouncil.webs.com



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Reptile Care, Management and Exhibition - This workshop will provide an overview of reptile care and management as well as provide some tips on how to prepare a reptile exhibit for a show.

Beginner and Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship - Learn the basics of rabbit showmanship. Participants will learn procedures and practice skills necessary for beginner and Intermediate showmanship classes. *Note:* Bring a rabbit with you to practice with during the workshop.

Everyone Loves Chicken - This workshop will review safe handling practices for poultry, butchering terms, and ways to prepare not only chicken but duck and goose. Samples and recipes will be available.

Advanced Rabbit Management - Dive a little deeper into the world of rabbits as you learn about health care, housing, nutrition, and breeding.

WORKSHOP SESSION 4 (Afternoon)

Fiber Art - This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the heirloom craft of spinning wool into yarn. Participants will identify a variety of fiber, learn how to blend assorted fiber using hand cards and a crank carder, and spin fiber using a hand spindle and a spinning wheel.

Rabbit Tattooing - Workshop participants will learn about tattoo tools for rabbits and have the opportunity to use a tattoo clamp and electric tattoo pen. *Note:* If you have a tattoo kit, please bring it to the workshop.

The Amazing Egg - From the yolk to the shell, come and learn all about eggs - history, parts, types, nutrition, uses, and even some amazing eggs tricks that make life easier at home.

Breeds, Selection and Care of Small Animals and Cavy - In this workshop you learn about breeds and types; the selection; and care of cavy and small animals.



For More Information – Contact Jeannette Rea Keywood, State 4-H Small Animal Advisory Council Liaison at reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-827-0199.



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Name: _____ **4-H County:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

____ Youth **Grade (as of September 2017):** _____ Adult

Please select one workshop in which you wish to participant for each session.

Workshop Session 1 (select one)

- ____ Cavy Agility
- ____ Egg Quality and Grading
- ____ Rabbit and Poultry Processing
- ____ Conditioning Your Rabbit for Show

Workshop Session 2 (select one)

- ____ Protecting Your Flock from Predators
- ____ Lop Breeds
- ____ Advanced Rabbit Showmanship
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Workshop Session 3 (select one)

- ____ Rabbit Hopping
- ____ Beginner and Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship
- ____ Everyone Loves Chicken
- ____ Advanced Rabbit Management
- ____ Reptile Care, Management and Exhibition

Workshop Session 4 (select one)

- ____ Fiber Art
- ____ Rabbit Tattooing
- ____ The Amazing Egg
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I will be participating in the Art Show: _____ Yes _____ No

Division: (*check one*) _____ Junior Division 4th - 8th grade _____ Senior Division 9th – 13th grade

Classes & Number of Entries:

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| ____ Visual Art (2-D or 3-D) (<i>collages, etching, sculpture and drawings, paintings or sketches done in water color, acrylic, ink, colored pencil, chalk, pastel, etc.</i>) | 1 | 2 |
| ____ Craft (<i>Fiber art, painted eggs, puppet, weaving, needlepoint, stained glass, ceramics or pottery, etc.</i>) | 1 | 2 |
| ____ Photography (<i>color or black and white</i>) | 1 | 2 |
| ____ Creative Writing | 1 | 2 |

Payment for Symposium (includes lunch, registration for morning and afternoon workshops, and program supplies):

_____ I have enclosed a check for \$15.00

Art Show Entry Fee (*\$1.00 per item for 4-H members NOT registered for the Educational Symposium*):

Number of Entries/Items _____ X \$1.00 per item = _____