



**State 4-H Small Animal Project Educational Symposium**  
**February 22, 2020**  
**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 care, conditioning, showmanship, nutrition, breeds, and disease workshops; reptile workshops; cavy agility; and small animal breeds, care, and show workshops.

**Who:** This event is open to 4-H members in grades 4-13, Cloverbuds in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4-H leaders and parents who are involved in the rabbit, cavy, small animal, herpetology and poultry 4-H project areas.

**When:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 – 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 10**. The forms and a check made payable to *Rutgers University* should be sent to: Jeannette Rea-Keywood, 1636 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204.

**Tentative Schedule:**

9:15-9:45 AM                      Registration & Animal Health Checks  
    Art Show Entries Due

9:50-10:50 AM                  Session 1

- Cavy Agility
- Chicken Anatomy
- Rabbit Breeding Basics
- Rabbit Hopping
- Rabbit Nutrition

11:00 AM-12:00 PM          Session 2

- Lop Rabbit Breeds
- Poultry Breeds
- Rabbit Showmanship
- Small Animal Care

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

1:00-2:20 PM                    Session 3

- All About Eggs
- Build a Rabbit Carrier
- Rabbit Diseases
- Reptile Care and Management
- Rabbit Judging
- Small Animal Breeds and Varieties



2:30-3:30 PM

Session 4

- Poultry Care and Management
- Reptiles at Different Scales
- Rabbit Breeds
- Rabbit Hopping
- Showing Small Animals

3:30-3:45 PM

Closing and Evaluation

**All Day** – The Art Show will be held throughout the day. Entries will be excepted 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 2019. Participant must also be a registered club member as of January 1, 2020 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*Note:* Bring a Guinea pig with you to practice with during the workshop.

***Chicken Anatomy*** - Learn the external and internal parts of a chicken.



***Rabbit Breeding Basics*** - In this workshop you will learn about reproduction, gestation, things to consider when selecting rabbits for breeding as well as the techniques for effective management and care of breeding stock and their offspring.

***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. The course will be set up on foam mats and consists of four-six jumps (maximum height 10"). Rabbits must be at least 4 months of age, and must be free of diseases and parasites. H style harnesses and leashes are required. For complete rules and more information on rabbit hopping go to: [nj4-hsmallanimalprojectadvisorycouncil.webs.com](http://nj4-hsmallanimalprojectadvisorycouncil.webs.com) *Note:* Bring a rabbit with you to practice with during the workshop.

***Rabbit Nutrition*** - In this workshop you will learn about diet and nutritional needs of rabbits, types of foods available and nutrient levels, and what to consider when selecting foods and snacks for your rabbit.

### **WORKSHOP SESSION 2 (Morning)**

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

***Poultry Breeds*** - Learn about the qualities and characteristics of some large fowl and bantam chicken breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association and the varieties within each breed. Find out which breeds are great for eggs, do well in the winter and are good foragers.

***Rabbit Showmanship*** - Learn the basics of rabbit showmanship. Participants will learn procedures and practice skills necessary for beginner and intermediate showmanship classes using the 4-H Rabbit Showmanship guidelines and scoresheet. *Note:* Bring a rabbit and a carpet square with you to practice with during the workshop.

***Small Animal Care*** - This workshop will provide information on how to properly care for small animals including housing, nutrition, and health care.

### **WORKSHOP SESSION 3 (Afternoon)**

***All About Eggs*** - In this workshop you will learn all about eggs including types, interior and exterior parts, nutrition, grading, uses and more.

***Build a Rabbit Carrier*** - In this workshop you will use a kit from Pointer Hill Cages and construct your own small double rabbit carrier. *Note:* There is a \$32.00 fee to cover the cost of the kit.

***Rabbit Diseases*** - This workshop will provide an overview of rabbit diseases, causative agents of disease, sanitation practices, and development of good management practices. Participants will be able to develop their own management plan regardless of the number of animals in their herds.

***Reptile Care and Management*** - This workshop will provide an overview of reptile care and management.

***Rabbit Judging*** - Learn how to judge a rabbit as well as procedures and tips to participant in the rabbit judging contest at the NJ State 4-H Rabbit Show.

***Small Animal Breeds and Varieties*** - Participants will learn about the different breeds, types and varieties of small animals as well as common characteristics of these animals.

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 4 (Afternoon)**

***Poultry Care and Management*** - This workshop will provide information on how to properly care for poultry including housing, nutrition, and health care.

***Reptiles at Different Scales: An Introduction to Reptilian Diversity and Why We Study It*** - This presentation will provide a brief overview of the different sizes, shapes, colors, and adaptations we see in living reptiles. Additionally, you will learn why and how scientists study some of these groups and how to transform your passion about reptiles into action, whether that be a hobby or career!

***Rabbit Breeds*** - In this workshop you will learn about the qualities and characteristics of some of the nearly 50 rabbit breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association and the varieties within each breed.

***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. The course will be set up on foam mats and consists of four-six jumps (maximum height 10"). Rabbits must be at least 4 months of age, and must be free of diseases and parasites. H style harnesses and leashes are required. For complete rules and more information on rabbit hopping go to: [nj4-hsmallanimalprojectadvisorycouncil.webs.com](http://nj4-hsmallanimalprojectadvisorycouncil.webs.com) *Note:* Bring a rabbit with you to practice with during the workshop.

***Showing Small Animals*** - Learn the basics of showing small animals including show format, what to do at the judging table, show preparation and animal conditioning.

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***For More Information*** – Contact Jeannette Rea Keyword, State 4-H Small Animal Advisory Council Liaison at [reakeyword@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:reakeyword@njaes.rutgers.edu) or 609-827-0199.



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REGISTRATION FORM**

**February 22, 2020 - Office of Government Services, Cooperative Extension/4-H Office, Clayton**

To register, please complete this Registration Form and a NJ 4-H Event Permission Form. Be sure to complete a separate Registration Form and Permission Form for each person registering. Registration materials are due by **February 10, 2020**. The forms and a check (\$15.00 for youth and adults) made payable to *Rutgers University* should be mailed to Jeannette Rea-Keywood, SSAPAC Liaison, 1636 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, New Jersey 08204

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4-H County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Youth **Grade (as of September 2019):** \_\_\_\_\_ Adult

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

**Workshop Session 1 (select one)**

- \_\_\_\_ Cavy Agility
- \_\_\_\_ Chicken Anatomy
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Breeding Basics
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Hopping
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Nutrition

**Workshop Session 2 (select one)**

- \_\_\_\_ Lop Rabbit Breeds
- \_\_\_\_ Poultry Breeds
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Showmanship
- \_\_\_\_ Small Animal Care

**Workshop Session 3 (select one)**

- \_\_\_\_ All About Eggs
- \_\_\_\_ Build a Rabbit Carrier (\$32.00)
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Disease
- \_\_\_\_ Reptile Care and Management
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Judging
- \_\_\_\_ Small Animal Breeds and Varieties

**Workshop Session 4 (select one)**

- \_\_\_\_ Poultry Care and Management
- \_\_\_\_ Reptiles at Different Scales
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Breeds
- \_\_\_\_ Rabbit Hopping
- \_\_\_\_ Showing Small Animals

**I will be participating in the Art Show:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Division:** (*check one*) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Division 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Division 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 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** (Registration includes lunch, registration for morning and afternoon workshops, and program supplies):

\_\_\_\_ A check for the registration fee (\$15.00) is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is payment for the rabbit carrier workshop (\$32.00)

**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 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

# New Jersey 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth



Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the event coordinator(s) (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) code of conduct and (5) media policy. *Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!*

## Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of Youth participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H county: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of activity/event: State 4-H Small Animal Educational Symposium

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: NJ4-H Program

Location of event: Gloucester County Building, 1200 North Delsea Drive, Clayton

Date and time of participation of individual named above: February 22, 2020 9:00 am-4:00 pm

## Parent Permission and Release of Liability

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its event coordinator(s) will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

**Sign Here**

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

I authorize the event coordinator(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the event coordinator(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

_____ Name of parent/guardian	_____ Phone number	_____ Name of additional emergency contact	_____ Phone number
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The following information is provided as an aid to the event coordinator(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance: Company Group# \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Here**

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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## New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct



The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

	_____	_____
	Signature of participant in event	Date
	_____	_____
	Signature of parent or guardian	Date

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## New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

- ☐ **No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose.** I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.
- ☐ **No, do not use my name for any purpose.**
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