



HUDSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



4-H Hudson County Programming Expands

A partnership between Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children and Youth Services

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For the first time in decades, Rutgers Cooperative Extension has onboarded a new full time 4-H Program Associate in Hudson County. This new position was created thanks to the advocacy of the 4-H Hudson County Advisory Board and the support of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children and Youth Services. 4-H Rutgers Cooperative Extension at Hudson County welcomes Claudia Urdanivia as the new 4-H Program Associate. Claudia hopes to bring her passion for the environment, urban agriculture, youth leadership, and community engagement to youth programming in Hudson County. For all 4-H opportunities, you can reach Claudia at claudia.urdanivia@rutgers.edu.

Program Highlights Spring 2021

Rutgers Youth Futures

The Rutgers Youth Futures Program focuses on building relationships between local youth and college student mentors with a focus on workforce preparedness. Youth participants are matched with trained mentors who guide the exploration of a myriad of college preparation and readiness activities.

4-H From Home: Wiley 4-H Young Researchers Club

New Jersey 4-H From Home is an online resource for NJ youth and their families featuring [interactive webinars](#), short term [4-H STEP clubs](#), and other [valuable resources](#). Open to all youth! In April, 4-H partnered with global publishing powerhouse, [Wiley](#), on a youth club on writing and publishing. Youth learned about the author journey, academic research publishing, and drafted a blog post to be featured on the Wiley website. Please visit the [4-H STEP club](#) for updated information.



4-H FROM HOME

YOUNG RESEARCHERS
A YOUTH CLUB ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING
THURSDAYS | 3:30 PM | April 1st - April 29th

OPEN TO TEENS INTERESTED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PUBLISHING, & WRITING

Have you ever wanted to publish your own writing? Join us to learn more from academic publisher, Wiley, about the publishing process and careers in the industry. You'll even work on a team to publish your own product!

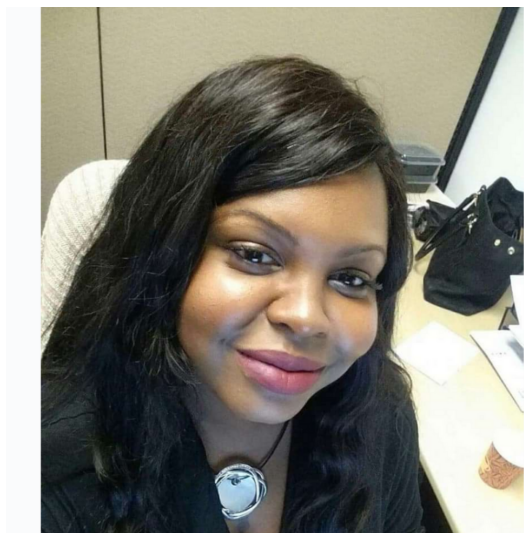
REGISTER HERE:
NJ4H.RUTGERS.EDU/4H-FROM-HOME

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TD Smart Cents Program



In addition to providing high quality youth development programming, 4-H also provides opportunities for educators. The 4-H Smart Cents program trains formal and informal educators on financial literacy and behavior and skills development for youth ages 8-13. The program was designed to be in person and later pivoted to online due to the pandemic. 4-H worked with educators in the Jersey City school district through online trainings. An estimated 1,800 youth were reached through this train-the-trainer program.



Volunteer Spotlight: Jeaneen Smith!

4-H Hudson County wants to recognize Jeaneen Smith for her commitment as a 4-H volunteer. Jeaneen has been supporting 4-H since 2015 by advising marketing initiatives and now serving as a Hudson County Advisory Board member. She is a Rutgers alumni and is now pursuing her Master's in Business Administration. Jeaneen is Associate Managing Editor at global powerhouse, Wiley. She recently spearheaded the virtual 4-H STEP Club, Young Researchers Club, with her colleagues. Jeaneen is a mother and dedicated community member.

Summer 2021 Opportunities

For more information, please contact Claudia at claudia.urdanivia@rutgers.edu

Youth Urban Farm Club

4-H is pleased to present Youth Urban Farm Club in partnership with Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery, and Guttenberg Arts. **Youth Urban Farm Club offers young people the opportunity to make a difference in their community and learn about gardening while building leadership and teamwork skills.** All youth who complete 16 hours of service will receive a certificate of service and beginner gardener. Contact claudia.urdanivia@rutgers.edu for any questions.

WHO: Open to youth in Hudson County ages 11 -18

WHERE: Harsimus Cemetery in Jersey City and Guttenberg Arts in Guttenberg

WHEN: Weekly from July - August

HOW TO REGISTER: Complete this [form online](#) in English OR Spanish



Environmental Camp grades 4th - 7th

4-H and the YWCA Northern New Jersey are partnering for a weeklong environmental camp for Girls, Non-binary, and Femme identifying youth grades 4th - 7th. Youth will learn about leadership skills, build confidence, and be immersed in environmental topics such as climate change, ecosystems, the food cycle, horticulture, and much more!

When: August 2nd - 6th from 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Washington Park in Union City

Cost: TBD. Scholarships available

How to register: *Link forthcoming*

4-H STEM Ambassadors Camp

The Rutgers 4-H STEM Ambassador Program is an opportunity for teens entering 8th and 9th grade to learn about STEM, develop as a leader in their community, and prepare for college. Youth learn valuable skills from a year-round, multi-year STEM program, meet Rutgers scientists and engineers, participate in research projects, take part in leadership activities, and volunteer in their local community to assist 4-H with STEM programs for younger youth. Geared for youth in urban communities across NJ. The program will take place virtually for 2021 beginning in June. This year we have 9 new Hudson County teens participating with 11 alumni helping to teach their peers. *The application period will open again in April 2022.*



Fall 2021 Opportunities

Polar Literacy Initiative

For more information, please contact Claudia at claudia.urdanivia@rutgers.edu

Who: Designed for inquisitive young people in grades 6-9 looking to work with scientists to explore the polar regions.

Join scientists on an icy scientific adventure! Youth will understand how these critically important regions are transforming due to climate change. This program aims to provide a pathway for youth to explore, gain insight, and communicate about data, using these polar regions as a learning laboratory.

How to Join: Youth can register for our live, instructor-led after school programs and/or camp program. Our small class sizes ensure your child or teen receives personal attention, and our experience operating clubs and camps enables us to deliver learning and fun in an online environment. **Interested educators seeking to host this opportunity for their after-school initiative should contact Claudia at claudia.urdanivia@rutgers.edu for more information.**

Come along on this Icy Adventure!

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about where we are going and why the polar regions are such important places.

What we will do in this program:

- Learn with polar scientists and educators
- Meet new friends who are interested in STEM
- Get hands-on experience working with polar data
- Access your creative side and participate in a Data Jam!

Program Facts

- Classes are delivered synchronously
- All classes are hosted via ZOOM. Our instructors have worked to create robust lessons that utilize various technology capabilities and platforms such as Zoom breakout rooms, mentimeter, and Jamboards.
- The program includes classroom kits with the materials needed to complete the program.
- All youth need an internet connection on a laptop, iPad or other device!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Funders, Volunteers, and 4-H Department!

We appreciate all that you've ever done for us and we look forward to getting back in person soon!