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A Note from the Team

We want to thank everyone who has participated in our programs this summer. We have had a blast being in community while learning alongside our youth. Please enjoy some of our highlights from this summer and learn about upcoming opportunities this fall. We hope to see you soon!

~ The Hudson County 4-H Team

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Youth Spotlight

Eldana Teklu

"I am very glad to have been a part of presentations and I am elated to have won "Best in the Room" at the NJ 4-H State Public Presentations event. I really appreciate 4-H for giving me the opportunity to express my passion and share it to invoke more awareness about this subject. Growing up in Ethiopia, my family had firsthand experience of the suffering that resulted from the inaccessibility of basic healthcare. With this experience in mind, I gave an illustrated talk titled, The Consumption: Why Is Everything Tuberculosis (TB), to highlight the systematic issues that are allowing a 9000-year-old plague to still persist. The vaccine for the disease was developed 100 plus years ago. So I wondered, why TB is still claiming the lives of millions every year. This is when I realized the power of a strong infrastructure can significantly help effectively manage outbreaks and sustain many in such a globalized world. Therefore, I aim to continue on raising awareness about healthcare inequity to advance the change that will go on to address such a crucial issue."



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Summer Coming to a Close



3-Week STEM Summer Camp

We hosted a three-week STEM summer camp for middle school student at the Hudson County Community College STEM Center. The camp took field trips to Rutgers University and the Gateway Project. The participants explored physics, chemistry, nutrition, biology, and coding. Throughout the summer, there was learning, exploring, investigation, and a lot of laughter. Thank you to our smart and amazing participants!

Changemakers

The Changemakers Program is sadly coming to a close for the year. This summer we had 14 wonderful teens from the West Hudson area spend 8 weeks with us in our Learning Garden learning about food systems, food security, gardening, and food waste all while giving back to their community. Their final closing showcase where they present their community action projects will be on Saturday, September 12.



Youth Urban Farm Club

Over 80 youth ages 12-18 have been getting their hands dirty in local community gardens and learning about their local food system! Despite the heat, humidity, and storms, we still had a blast!



Our Clubs & Programs



Clubs Starting Up Again This Fall!

We missed you all so much this summer!

Last Call!

Sustainability Ambassadors

We are seeking 1-3 teens from each municipality in Hudson County, ages 14-18 to be reps! Come learn the Sustainable Development Goals, participate in field trips, and help promote HCA's "Don't Trash Hudson County" campaign!

Those interested are encouraged **fill out this interest form:** go.rutgers.edu/vrtzlnx2



Teen Council Club for youth in 8th-12th grades



Give back to your community while making new friends, doing crafts and earning community service hours! Meetings are focused around youth mindfulness, and fun service projects, and other 4-H opportunities.

When: Monthly on the 4th Wednesday from 5pm-6pm
Location: JCFPL Priscilla Gardener Main Branch (472 Jersey Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07302)

JOIN OUR GROUPME: https://groupme.com/join_group/105110973/3JeOpmVH



Our Clubs & Programs

Other Clubs to Join!



Cloverbud Explorers Club for youth in K-3rd grades

Big adventures for little learners! Exploring, creating, growing, and having fun together!

When: Monthly starting Thursday, September 3rd at 7PM

Location: Bostwick Court Community Room

TO REGISTER, EMAIL US: HUDSON4H@NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU



Cloverbud Garden Club for youth in K-3rd grades

During meetings, youth will learn to plant and grow plants, make nature crafts, and learn about the environment!

When: Bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30PM-4:30PM

Location: Hamilton Park Montessori School

REGISTER: go.rutgers.edu/3w2j4nvp



Coming this Fall...

STEM Programming!

Do not fret! Our Computer Science Club and other types of STEM programming at local organizations will be returning very soon!

Stay tuned on our Instagram [@HUDSONCOUNTY4H](https://www.instagram.com/HUDSONCOUNTY4H) or keep an eye out for our next newsletter!



Youth Birding Club for youth in 4th-8th grades

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Monthly meetings on Saturdays, September through November.

If you'd like more information or to be put on the email list, please reach out to us at HUDSON4H@NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Hudson RCE Events



Hudson County RCE Fall Garden Fest

~ SAVE THE DATE! ~

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 11AM-2PM

RCE Learning Garden in Lincoln Park, Jersey City

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HUDSON COUNTY RCE

FALL GARDEN FEST

FREE ENTRY!

OPEN TO ALL!

Celebrate the end of the growing season with friends, family, and fun!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2026

11AM-2PM @ RCE Learning Garden in Lincoln Park
Location searchable on Google Maps "RCE Learning Garden Lincoln Park"

PUMPKINS - FACE PAINTING - CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
CHICKEN PHOTOBOOTH - BAKE SALE

GARDENERS CONTEST!

Win cash prizes!
Submit your homegrown produce, art projects, and more!

Link: <https://hudson.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/youth/faits/>

For more information, contact Hudson4H@njaes.rutgers.edu

The Hudson County 4-H Advisory Board Upcoming Fundraisers!

Clover Run

Sunday, September 27th, 2026 10:00AM
Hoboken Pier A

(Pier A Park, 100 Sinatra Dr, Hoboken, NJ 07030)

1 mile walk + 2 mile fun run!

Proceeds directly support 4-H teen scholarships for college, events, and national trips!



REGISTER HERE:

<https://sweatpals.com/event/the-clover-run/2026-09-27>

Chipotle Fundraiser

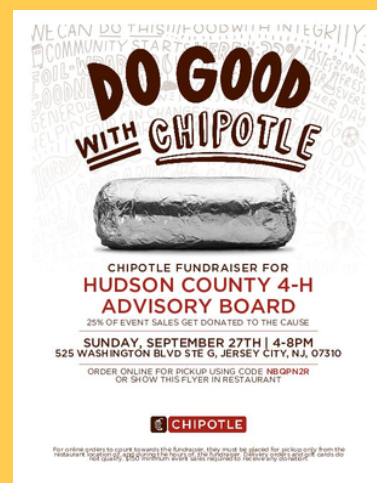
Sunday, September 27th, 2026 4PM-8PM

Chipotle Near Newport Centre Mall

(525 Washington Blvd, Jersey City, NJ 07310)

Order ahead using code: **NBQPN2R**

Or show the flyer at the register!



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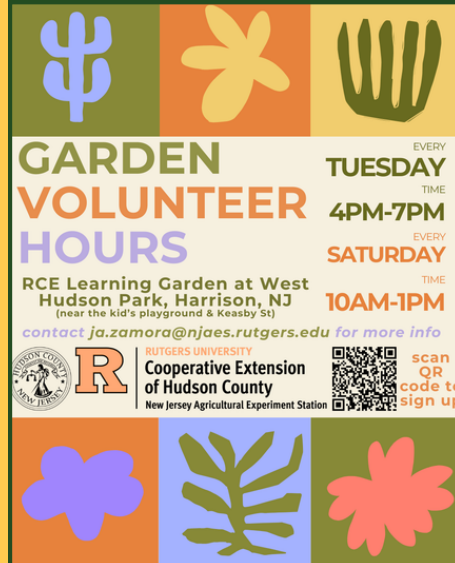
Volunteer Opportunity - All Ages!

Inside Lincoln Park, Jersey City



The flyer for Lincoln Park features a top row with three icons: a blue dollar sign, a yellow flower, and a green hand. The text reads: **GARDEN VOLUNTEER HOURS**. It specifies the schedule as **EVERY WEDNESDAY 4PM-7PM** and **EVERY SATURDAY 10AM-1PM**. The location is **RCE Learning Garden at Lincoln Park, Jersey City, NJ** (near the corner of Communipaw Ave & Route 440). Contact information is rm1679@njaes.rutgers.edu for more info. It includes the Rutgers University logo, the text **Cooperative Extension of Hudson County**, and a QR code with the instruction **scan QR code to sign up**. The bottom row features three icons: a blue flower, a green leaf, and a red flower.

Inside West Hudson Park, Harrison



The flyer for West Hudson Park features a top row with three icons: a blue dollar sign, a yellow flower, and a green hand. The text reads: **GARDEN VOLUNTEER HOURS**. It specifies the schedule as **EVERY TUESDAY 4PM-7PM** and **EVERY SATURDAY 10AM-1PM**. The location is **RCE Learning Garden at West Hudson Park, Harrison, NJ** (near the kid's playground & Keasby St). Contact information is ja.zamora@njaes.rutgers.edu for more info. It includes the Rutgers University logo, the text **Cooperative Extension of Hudson County**, and a QR code with the instruction **scan QR code to sign up**. The bottom row features three icons: a blue flower, a green leaf, and a red flower.

Other State-wide Opportunities

Click the Flyer!

**MORE
OPPORTUNITIES
COMING THIS FALL!**