

4-H'ers Gather In Harrisburg At Capitol Days

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — More than 100 4-H members across the state learned about the inner workings of state government when they took part in the State 4-H Capitol Days program in mid-April.

Youth from participating 4-H clubs were selected to represent the county based on their 4-H experience and leadership skills.

Breakfast with state legislators was the highlight of the event. 4-H members discussed issues and concerns and shared their ideas about the 4-H program.

Capitol Days is an educational experience that provides 4-H members age 15 and older with a better understanding of their roles as citizens of Pennsylvania and the roles and functions of state government.

Included were tours of various state facilities and meeting with officials of state government. The 4-H teen's experience in Harrisburg also included touring the governor's home, corresponding with state senators and representatives, a legislative breakfast with senators and representatives, and recreational activities with other 4-H members from around the state.

Each 4-H member chooses a particular state agency for an in-depth visit. By visiting their legislators, 4-H'ers develop a better understanding of how the executive branch works.

For more information about 4-H, contact your local cooperative extension office.



4-H delegates from Columbia and Montour counties participated recently in 4-H Capitol Days held in Harrisburg. The 4-H members toured the capitol buildings, several state agencies, and the governor's mansion. Rep. John Gordner attended a special breakfast with Julie Belshline and Chad Creveling from St. James Community Club at Stillwater in Columbia County along with Joey Pflieger and Michele Ranc from Montour County. In the photo, from left, Chad Creveling, Joey Pflieger, Rep. John Gordner, Michele Ranc, and Julie Belshline.



Huntingdon County 4-H members Brandy Horning and Sharyn Brown traveled to Harrisburg to learn more about state government and meet with local legislators. Pictured here are, from left, Brandy Horning of Huntingdon, Rep. Larry Sather, Sen. Robert Jubelirer, and Sharyn Brown of Mill Creek.



Lycoming and Tioga county 4-H members, from left, front row, Mark Guillaume (Tioga), Dan Messersmith, and Mariah Peterman (Lycoming). Back row, Chris Ridge (Tioga) met with, from left, Assemblymen Matthew E. Baker and Thomas W. Dempsey and Sen. Roger A. Madigan at 4-H Capitol Days.



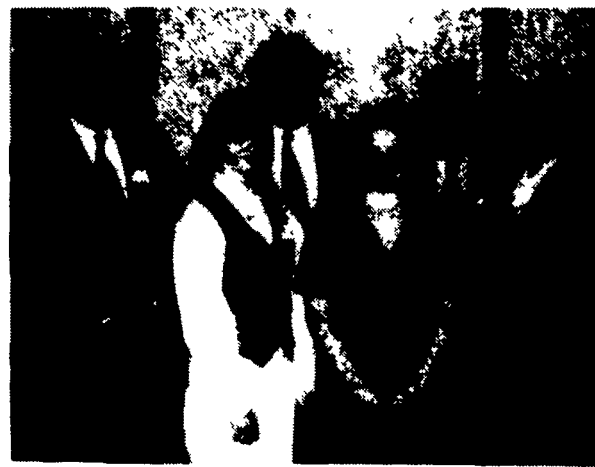
Northumberland County 4-H members, from left, standing, Jeff Murphy and Randy Eby; sitting, Brad Zeigler and Missy Ranck met with state representatives Merle Phillips and Russ Fairchild at the 4-H Capitol Days held recently in Harrisburg.



Jefferson County 4-H participated at 4-H Capitol Days in Harrisburg this year. The 4-H members shown with Rep. Sam Smith and Sen. Patrick Stapleton are Jamie Wilson and Meghan Beck. Meghan is a member of the Trailblazers and Travel All 4-H Clubs in Indiana County. Jamie is a member of the Laurel 4-H Club in Jefferson County.



Michelle Nick, center, 4-H member from the 84 Cut & Cry 4-H Club met with legislators Barry Stout, left, and Victor Lescovitz at 4-H Capitol Days held recently in Harrisburg.



Schuylkill County 4-H members, from left, Susan Wolfe, Amanda Smith, and Trisha Wagner met with Rep. Edward Lucyk, Sen. James L. Rhoades, and Rep. David Argall at 4-H Capitol Days.



Two Crawford County 4-H members, from left, Arnold Trace III, Cambridge Springs, and right, Sara Duncan, Meadville, met with Rep. Teresa Brown at 4-H Capitol Days held recently in Harrisburg.



Northampton County 4-H member, from left, Lisa Olson, Bangor, met with Leonard Gruppo, representative at 4-H Capitol Days held recently in Harrisburg. Also pictured is Katherine Fennelly, professor and head of the Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, Penn State.



Somerset County 4-H members, from left, Lauren Lynch and Lee Sines, met with Rep. William Lloyd at 4-H Capitol Days held recently.



Erie County 4-H members met with local legislators recently during 4-H Capitol Days in Harrisburg. Pictured, from left, are Assemblyman James Merry, 4-H'er Terry Schnars, Assemblyman Tom Scrimenti, and Sen. Buzz Andrezski. In front, from left, are 4-H members Marilee Goss, Kateri Maille (standing), Jessica Antolik, and Heather Gainer.

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