

Kids Korner

Campers Grow 'Wild' Over Agriculture

NAZARETH (Northampton Co.) — Fifty youth from Northampton County got to experience agriculture first hand during the 4-H Ag Day Camp recently.

The Northampton County 4-H program sponsored two three-day 4-H Agriculture Day Camps. Children ages 7-11 years old had the chance to learn about fruits and vegetables, weather, seeds, bugs, corn, farming in the past, and animals. While at camp campers made their own rain-maker, painted a pot, and then planted a seed. Each camper was able to take these home in order to watch their flowers grow! Campers were wild over the newborn calf, newborn piglets, and bottle feeding baby goats.

Campers got the chance to make some of their own snacks

including fruit and yogurt parfaits, corn bread, and butter. After learning about the parts of a corn plant and how it grows, it was only fitting to make a snack from corn and eat it.

Campers even got the chance to milk a goat, then taste some of the cooled milk.

It was a wild experience for campers!

After forking hay, shelling corn kernels from the cob, and making corn starch clay, camp concluded with a farm tour. Campers visited four 4-H family farms to learn about pigs, potatoes, goats, beef cows, chickens, and sheep. It was a great learning experience for all the campers to share about how the food they eat is raised.



One 4-H Day Camper takes one last jump into the soft bed of hay before heading home for the day.



4-H Ag Day Campers get a mini-demonstration on how farmers plow their fields.



4-H Ag Day Campers take a short pause during their busy day of learning where their food comes from.

4-H'ers Attend Camp Shehaqua



About 25 4-H members, four 4-H counselors, and three 4-H volunteers attended Camp Shehaqua in Hickory Run State Park July 7-11.

SHEHAQUA (Northampton Co.) — One of the amazing events for 4-H'ers this summer was 4-H camp at Camp Shehaqua in the Poconos. Each year, Northampton County 4-H members may spend a week at Hickory Run State Park in the Poconos. The 4-H camp is used by 30 county 4-H programs.

This year, Northampton County had 25 campers and four counselors at Camp Shehaqua. Throughout the week members had the chance to experience nature first hand by seeing deer, squirrels, birds, and thunderstorms. Camping with Northampton County 4-H'ers also are members from Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Carbon Counties.

4-H campers select a morning workshop during which they complete a 4-H project. The

morning workshops that campers could choose from include Lenapes: First Citizens; How Sweet it is: Honey bees; What a Nuisance: Wildlife; or The Big Drip: Water.

During the afternoons, members hiked to the lake, are challenged by the low-ropes course, play a sport, learn a line dance,

shoot air rifles, or explore nature through art. Two evenings of the week camp fires were held. One evening members were visited by Frank Little Bear: Professor of the First Citizens. Frank Little Bear taught members about Native American Culture through traditional song and dance.



4-H members gather for an afternoon filled with games.

