## What is 4-H? Connection with Rutgers



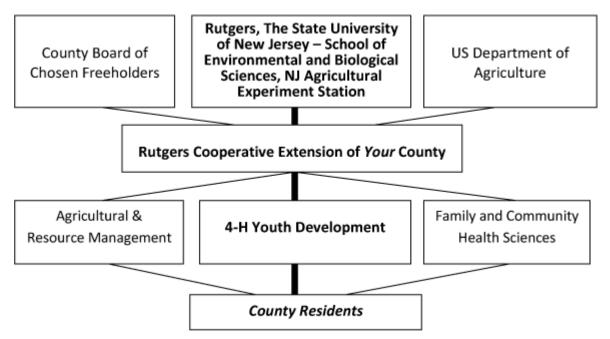
Did you know that 4-H is your first connection to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey?

Rutgers and 4-H represent the national land grant university system. 4-H can open doors to the great scientists and resources at Rutgers.

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## How is 4-H connected with the University?

In 1914, Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act that created the Cooperative Extension Service. The purpose of the act was to enable the land grant university to extend research and practical education to people where they live. New Jersey's land grant institution is Rutgers. Federal, state, and county governments provide funding for Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Special programs may receive private funding.



The New Jersey Department of 4-H Youth Development encourages the teamwork of faculty, staff, and volunteers as we offer youth and adults high-quality personal growth opportunities. Faculty and staff concentrate on involving volunteers as stakeholders in 4-H at all levels and educating the public about 4-H Youth Development. Volunteers, as full partners in 4-H, contribute their unique talents, skills, and knowledge of our communities to provide personalized leadership with youth and adults.