



THE LINDLEY LEDGER

NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2026



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

New Jersey 4-H Camp

L.G. Cook 4-H Youth Center
for Outdoor Education

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Staff Alumni Reunion - London Edition



In honor of camp's 75th Anniversary, we were able to participate in the first ever International Camp Alumni Reunion hosted by our Campfire Council! Thank you to everyone who travelled to London from various camp generations!

Virtual Memory Scrapbook



We've got TWO MORE weeks to finish building out our 75th Anniversary Memory book! Please add your own photos and memories to our already 125+ contributions before submissions close on April 5th. When it's all done, the Virtual Board will remain on our website as a digital artifact of our 75th remembrances, and we might even get a tech-free physical copy or two for the Camp Library.

VISIT [HTTPS://4HCAMP.KUDOBOARD.COM/BOARDS/9VUTXNDH/75TH](https://4hcamp.kudoboard.com/boards/9vutxndh/75th) TO PERUSE AND ADD YOUR MEMORIES BEFORE APRIL 5TH!

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



NEW JERSEY 4-H CAMP
75
SINCE 1951

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SUMMER.

Lantern BBQ Kick-Off to Summer #75 June 29th, 2025	Virtual Scrapbook Drive January 2026
Launch of Virtual Scrapbook* August 2025	Winter Camps/Scrap Book Continues February 2026
Staff Reunion and Retreat September 19th-21st, 2025	London Reunion Feb 28th 2026
Historical Open House October 18th, 2025	Rutgers Day!*
"75th" Partnership Campaign* November 2025	April 25th 2026
Winter Gathering December 6th, 2025	Alumni Family Weekend May 1st-3rd, 2026
	Opening Weekend Work Day June 6th, 2026
	Lantern BBQ Kick-Off to 75th Anniversary Summer July 5th, 2026

* Denotes a virtual or off-site event
Dates and Events subject to change.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
New Jersey 4-H Camp
L.G. Cook 4-H Youth Center
for Outdoor Education

100 Struble Road
Branchville, NJ 07826
nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

973-948-3550
4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu



Well, we're 3/4 through our yearlong 75th Anniversary festivities, and we've still got plenty of wonderful opportunities for you to join in on the celebrations in the home stretch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rutgers Day



We'll be down celebrating 75 years of summer on campus on April 25th! We encourage 4-H Camp alumni to swing by our table and visit us for a photo and some reminiscing about all those "camping days and friendships true."

4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens Open House



We will once again be hosting our 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens Open House on May 16th. Join us anytime between 10am and 2pm for a preview of our day camp program, and to meet some of our summer staff for 2026 while they lead some sample camp activities, outdoor games, and program tours. [More Details](#)

[RSVP Here](#) or on our [website](#)

Spring Alumni Weekend (May 1st - 3rd) - Registration Open!



Open to all who have enjoyed time at 4-H Camp in the past!

Come spend an early May weekend filled with family summer fun at 4-H Camp.. The event will run from Saturday morning to Sunday morning, with an optional early arrival on Friday night. (Families can also attend for day-only events on Saturday.) Families will reside in our communal summer camp cabins, and get to enjoy some classic Camp activities and quality time around Lake Shawanni.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

If, as we so often say, summer camp is about the now, and relishing the moment, enjoying being exactly where you are with exactly who you are with, then...there's something a little strange about spending a whole year celebrating a 75th Anniversary, isn't there? It seems a little at odds with our mission of making the best possible youthful summer camp day right now, doesn't it?

Except here's the part where I reject that very premise I just created: as I watched old friends from all the way back to 4-H Camp in the 70s gather at our Staff Reunion, or as I laughed with recent counselors from all over the world at our London get-together, I was reminded that the summer camp "now" can go on a long time. It's constantly extended by the storytelling, the recalling, the questions, the additions, the "no, that's not how it went", and the "do you remember that other time?" Every time those ol' camp friends get together to tell the stories they all know by heart it creates another brand-new now, and thus our endless summers go on and on and on.

Which brings us back to the upcoming Summer '26 (#76) at 4-H Camp, where our hundreds of campers and counselors will enjoy all those fleet, quick-moving, hard-to-catch campy nows; and in doing so, will witness the birth of another batch of memories that last a lifetime.

Or more succinctly and as we've also been known to say: summer is short, but lasts forever.

-Ben

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Staff Summers
2021-Current

Hello, my name is Jose Caisabanda. In Summer 2025, I was the Recreation Coordinator, and in Summer 2026, I will be the Senior Course Area Coordinator. What I'm most looking forward to in Summer 2026 is finally perfecting my highly classified, extremely sophisticated, definitely-not-over-the-top battle strategies for a full Red Team takeover of BFI... I've been training, studying, and mentally preparing like a camp-themed supervillain all year.

HELLO! I'm juno! I've worked at camp for the past 3/1,000 years as a cabin counselor in the creative arts department! I do lots of crafty artsy things and lots of improv-y funny things, and I can't wait to get back to hanging out on the floor (for research), making art out of nature & in nature, and for the appropriate amount of shenanigans that awaits us in summer 2026! yay camp! #juno #happybirthday



Staff Summers
2023-Current

INTO THE WOODS WITH WOODROW



It has been a chilly spring so far at 4-H Camp, but Woodrow has been out inspecting the snow daily, and can report we are down to our final snow pile left!



STAYING IN TOUCH

Submit an entry to Vesper Voices

If you have a camp story to share, pictures from your time at camp, a creative piece, or a question for camp you can submit that here to be included in our Winter issue. Alumni and current camper submissions welcome. Submit [here](#).

Staff Check Ins

If you would be interested in being featured as one of our staff on our staff check-ins sections, please reach out, or fill out [this form](#).

Sign Up to Join our Newsletter Mailing List

If you would like to sign up to join our Newsletter mailing list please click [here](#) to sign up

Follow Us on Social Media



Photo of the Spring

