



Middlesex County 4-H Skill-a-thon
January 4, 2025 9:00A.M.-2:00P.M.
Middlesex County Extension Center

9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.	Registration check in
9:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	Opening Announcements
9:30 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.	Rotating Workshops every 45 minutes (4 workshops)
	9:30-10:15, 10:20-11:05, 11:10-11:55, 12:00-12:45

Please share this information with your club members. The general expectation is that members will attend all day. The signup sheet is attached. Please send **registration by 12/30/24** (no exceptions – no registration at the door), but if we could receive it earlier that would be great! There are only 4 workshop time slots – so get your priority lists in early – if you want your top 4 choices! Please fill out the selection form correctly!

4-H Member Workshops for ages 7-18
(must rank order on registration sheet)

1. Bat houses – Work with Mr. Albert, Mr. Justin & Mr. Craig to learn how to build & burn Bat houses in a wood working project. (offered 2 times double sessions, limit of 7 youth)
2. Recycling fun– Work with Miss Julie & Miss Ruth making fun and functional recycled crafts. Turn old computer CDs into a decorated picture frame and a cool wind spinner. Bring a photo or picture you would like to frame. Be sure it's okay to cut as it will need to be cropped and cut into a 3" circle. (offered 4 times, limit of 10 youth)
3. Ornaments – Work with Miss Becca making quilt ball Ornaments or beaded Snowflake ornaments. Quilt ball Ornaments (offered 1-time double session limit 10 youth. preferably older age 10 and up). The beaded Snowflake ornaments. (offered 2 times, limit 10 youth)
1. IT'S SUGARING TIME! – With Miss Donna - Maple trees will be waking up as hints of spring arrive. Learn about the equipment used to tap the trees, collect their sap, and then turn that sap into maple syrup. Participants will help tap one of the Extension's maple trees. (offered 2 times, limit of 8 youth)
2. Spinning– work with Miss Heather and Miss Beth learning how to spin wool into yarn (offered 1 time, 4 youth)

3. Beginner Felting – Work with Miss Beth and Miss Heather to wool felt your own special creation to take home (*offered 1 time, limit 6 youth*)
4. Advanced 3D Felting – For experienced felters, make a 3d creation of your choice that you can take home and then show at the fair! (*Double workshop 90 min – offered 1 time, 6 youth – if interested must be ranked #1 on your list, as it is a double workshop*)
5. Loom Weaving – Work with Miss Maria and Miss Carol to use a loom and make a woven fabric article. Learn to correctly use your loom, and all the steps involved to be able to weave at home. (*offered 1 time, limit 7 youth*)
6. Beaded Perler Jewelry- with Miss Maddy & Miss Alaina and friends! Learn to make Perler beaded jewelry. Put your decorating skill to the test while making fun items to take home, that you can also show in the fair. (*offered 4 times, limit 8 youth*)
7. Sour Dough Crackers & Butter– Miss Carlie & Mr. Christopher- Learn the fun and useful ways of the olden days of making your own sourdough starter and learn to use its discard to make delicious homemade crackers. During the lesson of making sourdough discard crackers, you will also learn how to make your butter from scratch. At the end of the lesson, you will be able to bring home your very own sourdough starter with all the instructions on how to feed it and keep it alive! Happy homesteading! (*Offered 4 times. Limit of 8 youth*)
8. Pressing Plants -With Miss Emily & Mr. Geoff! Build your own plant press and learn how to press and preserve plants. We'll explore nature while creating your own pressed flower art and press to take home. This hands-on activity is a great way to combine creativity, learning, and a love for the outdoors. (*offered 2 times, limit 10 youth*)
9. Dragonfly Art –With Miss Jane & Miss Dawn. Learn how to make a Dragonfly from a kitchen whisk. (*offered 4 times, limit of 8 youth*)

12:45 – 1:05 PM Lunch - The 4-Hers will bring their own Lunch. Drinks will be provided. The refrigerator will be available to keep lunches cold if needed.

1:05-1:25 PM Time for Sharing – This will be the time for 4-Hers to share their experiences of the day and receive their certificates.

1:25 PM Clean up

This event is for the 4-H-ers. Any parent who wishes to stay and you are welcome to, will be given a job to do. Please avoid bringing non-4-H members to this event; it historically has been a crowded day.