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### ***Sunshine 4-H Club is welcoming new members!***

Sunshine 4-H Community Club is a club for teens with mild autism. Starting our third year, we are looking for teens who want to engage in their local community through 4-H projects, community based service projects, and socialization with peers.

Any youth (ages 11-18 as of January 1, 2015) in Lehigh County that is currently interested in participating in a community based club. This club is specifically for individuals with mild autism. Participants will need to be able to communicate his/her needs and maintain safe control of his/her behavior at all times as the club will be out in the community for service projects.

The members of the club will select and vote on various 4-H projects to complete each year.

Choices may include: Cooking, Gardening, Woodworking, Crafts, Wildlife Service Projects may include: baking dog biscuits for shelters, trail maintenance for parks.

Youth are expected to participate as equal members in the club. Members will be encouraged to share ideas for future projects and activities. Club registration will be limited to allow for a successful experience for all members. The club leaders are screened volunteers.

Parents will be encouraged to help their 4-H member participate and complete the club projects. They are also encouraged to attend meetings, and assist the club leaders and members with the community based activities.

The Sunshine Club will meet **twice a month on Tuesday evenings**. The meetings will be held at the Lehigh Carbon Community College Campus in Schnecksville, PA.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please **contact club leader Cindy at 610-760-9337** or [mdweber42@icloud.com](mailto:mdweber42@icloud.com). Share this opportunity with others who might be interested.

Many educational and fun activities are offered by 4-H in Lehigh County. In Pennsylvania, 4-H is coordinated by Penn State Cooperative Extension through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 4-H programs are open to all youths regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability. For more information about the above events or other 4-H activities, call Kelly Weisner at 610-391-9840. *The Pennsylvania State University encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Kelly Weisner 610-391-9840 in advance of your participation or visit.*

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