



2011
Rhode Island
4-H Military Clubs





On-base 4-H club visits Roger Williams Zoo



Awards for Military 4-H Club Fair Entries



Military 4-H Clover buds (5-7) learn animal science by hands on interactions and lessons!



Military 4-Hers make edible Aquifers to learn about environmental stewardship



Military 4-Hers learn boat safety and sailing.

Fast Facts

Mission

To support children of service members through hands-on-learning in 4-H Clubs.

History

Since 2009, the University of Rhode Island 4-H program has been selected each year to receive a Military 4-H Club Grant. In Rhode Island the goal is to expand 4-H programs and educational opportunities for military youth at Naval Station Newport and off-base sites.

Support

The University of Rhode Island, Naval Station Newport Child and Youth Program, Rhode Island National Guard and Gateway Behavioral Health Service have all provided support for the military 4-H clubs.

“We are very proud that our military 4-H youth have excelled and are learning valuable life skills as a result of our partnerships. These youth are amazing. I am very thankful to all the staff, volunteers and parents in the 4-H program that give the kids the opportunity to shine!”

Kristina Horan- URI 4-H Military Liaison



Highlights of the Year

2011

Increased Participation

- **DOUBLED** last year's member enrollments from 45 to **126**.
- Volunteers and staff recruited and trained to run **5** Military 4-H Clubs, including a Clover-bud club for 5-7 year-olds.
- The **3 NEW CLUBS** are located in Northern, Southern and Eastern Rhode Island, giving youth more ways to join a club in their community.

Quality Training for Staff

- Held planning meetings to determine training needs .
- Held **OVER 20** staff trainings at Naval Station Newport.
- Trainings included team teaching, modeling and project specific trainings.
- Naval staff and URI 4-H staff met mid-year to evaluate progress and adjusted the program to better meet youth and staff needs.

Integration into 4-H Programs

- The Jitterbug military 4-H club was chosen at state competitions to represent RI at the regional Big E 4-H Demonstrations program.
- Three military clubs competed for and won awards for entries into all 4 Rhode Island Fairs.
- The 5-7 year-old members studied animal science with hands on activities using live animals brought on-base from local farmers and 4-H Alumni.

Military 4-H Partnerships are supported by 4-H National Headquarters/NIFA/USDA; Army Child, Youth and School Services; Air Force Airman and Family Services; Navy Child and Youth Programs; and the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension 4-H Program through grant funding at Kansas State University.

Rhode Island military 4-H youth participated in hands-on learning experiences year 'round to gain life skills.

They completed projects in:

- Environmental Studies
- Animal Science
- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Public Speaking
- Theater & Visual Arts
- Foods, Nutrition and Health
- Outdoor Adventures

Award winning photography by Naval Station Newport 4-H Club Members.



Hi Kristy-

Even though we just established our club in May we have been busy doing a lot of activities. We started off with building and launching rockets. For Father's Day we made puzzle picture frames with the kids' pictures in them. We also had a campout with the kids. They really enjoyed their time there. The kids had a private tour of the USS Mahan. We finally ended our year with learning about the parts of a sailboat. I am very blessed to have such an amazing group of kids. Thank you very much for all you do for all the 4-H clubs.

~Christy Allen,

Military Brats 4-H Leader

Partners

THE
UNIVERSITY
OF RHODE ISLAND
COLLEGE OF
THE ENVIRONMENT
AND LIFE SCIENCES



U.S. AIR FORCE



Child and Youth Programs



The University of Rhode Island is an equal opportunity employer committed to the principles of affirmative action.