

4-H Youth Development Program

4-H News



**National 4-H
Conference
Application Deadline
October 23rd**

The National 4-H Conference (April 7–12, 2018) is the Secretary of Agriculture’s premier youth development opportunity to engage youths ages 15–18 in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The conference is housed at the National 4-H Youth Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates take part in field trips, recreational opportunities, and congressional visits in Washington, D.C. For more information, go to ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/awards-applications.

Massachusetts 4-H STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

We are excited to see the new 4-H year begin and think about all that a new 4-H year brings, a fresh start and new opportunities for learning, growth, and fun! We welcome back all returning volunteers, members, and families, and we welcome new members and volunteers! Remember, 4-H staff are ready and willing to help you, so feel free to contact your local 4-H educator, program assistant, or administrative assistant with any questions.

There are a few big changes this year!

- **The re-enrollment deadline is November 30th; after that, the fee doubles to \$100.**
- The enrollment fee for all brand-new members is \$50 all yearlong.

Remember the changes that took effect last year:

- The 4-H year starts on September 1 and ends August 31.
- 4-H records are due October 1st (instead of November 1st).
- Returning members and volunteers should re-enroll online.

Please read this newsletter carefully for detailed information on these changes, as well as other important information.

All Returning Members and Volunteers Enroll Online!

The parents of all returning members should re-enroll them online through our database, 4honline. There are no paper forms required from re-enrolling members. There is an enrollment fee of \$50 for re-enrolling members. **The re-enrollment deadline is November 30th. After that, the re-enrollment fee doubles to \$100 and full waivers are not accepted.** The fee must be paid by check (payable to UMass 4-H) or credit card; you will print an invoice as part of the re-enrollment process. Checks are sent to your local 4-H office. To charge the fee, go to www.umassextensionbookstore.com/products/87.

Please print and read the instructions carefully before re-enrolling. Go to the 4hOnline section of the 4-H website www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online.

All Returning Members and Volunteers Enroll Online! *(continued)*

and select, “How to Re-enroll through 4hOnline.” It is important that you use the profile 4-H created for you and not create a new profile. That means you need to log in with the email address you gave the 4-H office for the adult in your family. The database puts the entire family profile (account) under one family email address. So, don’t log in with the child’s address, use the adult email address. If you have any questions about the email address used to create your family profile, contact your local 4-H office and they can provide it for you.

Returning volunteers must also activate their status through 4hOnline each year. Only active volunteers are able to serve as club leaders and board members. Volunteers must have active status to be covered by insurance.

All new members must fill out paper enrollment forms. They are available on the “Forms” page of the 4-H website under “Member Forms.”

National 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

These sessions will be broadcast live across the country by 4-H staff and volunteers in the North Central Region. They present the opportunity for learning about 4-H through various national presenters and local networking and sharing. Three sessions will be held (you can register for one, two, or all three):

- **October 5:** Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders
- **November 2:** “STEM”ing into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders
- **December 7:** Helping 4-H’ers Grow in Life and Work

We have arranged two sites, one in Hadley at 111 N. Maple St. and the second at the MA 4-H Foundation office at 1176 Worcester Rd. in Framingham.

The sessions will start with a light dinner at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:45 p.m. For more information or to sign up for the Hadley session(s), contact Linda Horn at lrhorn@umext.umass.edu, or to sign up for Framingham, contact Sherrie Guyott at sguyott@umext.umass.edu.

10 10 Years of Growing Curious Minds



National Youth Science Day (NYSD)

The 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day Challenge: Incredible Wearables

Developed by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, the Incredible Wearables kit is a fun way for kids to build wearable fitness trackers. The kit is perfect for classrooms, clubs, and at-home use. The 70- to 90-minute hands-on project is suitable for 4th to 12th graders and each low-cost kit can serve up to 10 kids at a time and is reusable. For the challenge, you will work with your team to build one wearable health monitor using the kit you have been given. You will also need a computer or a device, like a mobile phone or tablet, that is connected to the internet.

Visit www.4-h.org/nysd for more information.

For additional or alternative activities, contact Kim Pond, SET liaison.

- Health/vital signs, even fun to compare to animal species
- Basic electricity activities
- Make a tilt sensor similar to what is used in the kit
- Programming activities

Thank you to the clubs/groups who have been actively involved and have posted to the national map or have sent in pictures/reports over the years:

- Acton C.R.A.F.T.
- Ezra Baker and Intermediate School
- Joint Base Cape Cod
- Hanscom Air Force Base
- Leominster 4-H
- Nature’s Navigators Science Club
- Science Explorers
- Science Pirates
- Springfield Urban Program
- Topsfield Fair and the ALL SET Club

Attention All 4-H'ers That Sew, Quilt, or Do Needlework

Joanne Brown has retired as the coordinator of the MA 4-H Clothing and Textile Program at The Big E. MA 4-H is fortunate to have Danica Brown, former member from Southwick, volunteer to take her place.



Danica would love to see more clubs and youth involved in clothing and textiles in years to come and for more to show off their hard work by exhibiting at The Big E. Danica would love to hear suggestions on how to get more participation and what she can do to support you throughout the 4-H year. You can contact her with suggestions and questions at danicalbrown26@outlook.com. She would love to hear from you!

Massachusetts 4-H Receives Google Grant

4-H, America's largest youth development organization, and Google are coming together for a first-of-its-kind computer science (CS) collaboration that will teach kids both technical skills, like coding, and essential skills students will need in the future, like teamwork and resilience.

The collaboration is funded by a \$1.5 million grant from Google.org to establish a CS program that will empower more than 100,000 young people across 22 states in its first year. The collaboration between 4-H and Google lays the groundwork for 4-H to deliver computer science education across the organization. It establishes an official 4-H Computer Science Career Pathway, which helps kids progress from casual interest in CS to dedicated studies and ultimately career experience. "We are proud to be a part of this effort to bring hands-on programming to our nation's youth," said Jacqueline Fuller, president of Google.org. "It's important for kids to develop a wide range of skills, like computer science skills, analytical thinking, and creative problem solving, and our work with the National 4-H Council will help ensure that kids across the country have access to a better future."

Massachusetts 4-H is excited to be part of this program! For more information on how to get involved, contact Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu.

Relief Support for 4-H Programs Affected by Hurricane Harvey

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are facilitating a monetary campaign to directly support 4-H clubs and county programs in the hurricane zone.

How to help:

- Give online. Go to the Texas 4-H Foundation website at www.texas4hfoundation.org, click on "Give Now."
- Send a check or money order to Texas 4-H Foundation, 4HSupports Texas Fund, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, Texas, 77824. Make checks payable to Texas 4-H Foundation and write "4HSupports Texas" in the memo section of your check/money order.

STEM Ambassadors

With funding from the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment and the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, MA 4-H hired four college students to deliver STEM (science, technology, engineering,



mathematics) education to 126 children in summer programs in Worcester, Leominster, Randolph, and Framingham. If you are a 4-H alum in college, watch our website next winter/spring when we will be looking to hire STEM ambassadors for the summer of 2018!

Celebrate National 4-H Week

October 1–7, 2017

It's time to celebrate 4-H, one of the oldest and most successful youth development programs in the country!

Please help us spread the word! Hold an open house, get a feature story published in your local paper, have a kickoff event for the food drive, host a National Youth Science Day event in your community, or plan some other kind of event with your club to let others know about the opportunities available to them in 4-H! Promotional kits with free giveaways, such as pencils, stickers, and tattoos are available on a loan basis from your 4-H office.

National 4-H Service Project — WWI Memorial

The National Junior Master Gardener 4-H Program is partnering with the WWI Memorial Commission to raise funds to build the WWI memorial. Groups can make a donation of \$64.99 and receive 60 poppy seed packets and sell them for a recommended \$2 per packet that will generate \$120. The first \$1 goes to the WWI memorial project and the second \$1 stays with the local 4-H club or council. ***Time is short; this project ends Oct. 20.*** Representatives from four winning groups will be invited to the groundbreaking of the WWI memorial in Washington, D.C. in November. For more information, go to www.jmgkids.us/poppy/.

4-H Records Due October 2nd

Recordkeeping teaches 4-H members valuable skills, and the recorded information is critically important for teens when they fill out applications for scholarships, college admissions, and jobs. Records are used to determine 4-H county medals and other 4-H awards. All 4-H members are encouraged to fill out 4-H records! Records must be turned into your local 4-H office; records received after the deadline will not be considered for awards. To access record forms and instructions, go to the "Communications Program" page of the website: ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/communications-program/record-keeping.

4-H GROWS HERE

11th Annual Fall MA 4-H Community Service Project — "Four Seasons of Giving"

The statewide 4-H Community Service Project held each fall is one way for us to demonstrate the impact of 4-H community service efforts across our state.

It is important that every 4-H club participate in this statewide effort.

This year, 4-H clubs are encouraged to conduct a community service project during each of the four seasons. Go to ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_community_service_project_2017_final.pdf. You will find details on projects as well as incentives offered to clubs that participate and report their results. Incentives include club t-shirts, 4-H yard signs, and curriculum.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Reporting Reminder for 4-H Leaders

All leaders are reminded that the annual club report was due in August. Club leaders will not be able to re-enroll their club if the complete report is not on file. Also, each leader must file the 990-N annually between the dates of July 1 and November 15. ***Both of these must be done regardless of whether the club has any income or bank account—there are no exceptions.***

Report forms and instructions are found in the "Volunteer" section on the website: ag.umass.edu/mass4h/volunteers/for-current-ma-4-h-volunteers/financial-management-insurance-report-forms.

Important information for club leaders and advisory/program council presidents: all clubs and councils must be successful when they file the 990N. If you are not successful, you must contact your educator for assistance.

Important — All Volunteers, Parents, and Members

4-H Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures

As we start another 4-H year, you are reminded that all 4-H volunteers, parents, and members must be familiar with and adhere to 4-H policies and guidelines. These are found in the “About” section of the 4-H website at www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/policy-guidelines.

Policy and guidelines found on the “About” page include:

- 4-H Policy for Clubs, Members, and Volunteers
- Cloverbud Guidelines
- Guidelines for Parents and Adults

Important resources found on the “Volunteer” page:

- Financial Management Information
- Youth Club Officer Guides
- Liability and Insurance Coverage (including information about accident/medical coverage for all members and volunteers)
- Overnight Chaperone Guidelines

Horse and fair guidelines found on the “Horse Program” page under “Horse Show Resources”:

- MA 4-H Horseshow Rule Book
- 4-H Fair and Animal Show Safety Guidelines

Support for 4-H Volunteer Training

The 4-H Youth Development Program supports the training and development of 4-H volunteers. While 4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend workshops and conferences that 4-H offers, the 4-H program can't provide all of the training needed by volunteers. To support volunteers in obtaining the training they need to improve in their volunteer roles or obtain required certifications (such as ServSafe certification for volunteers running food booths), funds are available for partial reimbursement. These funds are generously provided by the 4-H Foundation and administered by the 4-H Director Sherrie Guyott. To apply for funding, go to the “Volunteer” page of the 4-H website, click on “Resources,” then click on “4-H Volunteer Application for Funds to Support Workshops/Conferences/Training Sessions.”

It's Not Too Early to Prepare for the 2018 State Photography Contest

All the rules and guidelines are posted on the 4-H website. Check out the state website under “Forms & Applications,” then “Contests” for the information. Why not start today?



4-H volunteer Joanne Brown stepped down as State Photography Contest coordinator. We are happy to announce that volunteer Annette Dupon has agreed to take on the role of contest coordinator. Annette can be reached at annette@krausstudio.com.

Planning a Trip to Washington, D.C.?

Consider staying at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. It is minutes from D.C., youth-friendly, and has an all-you-can-eat dining option. For details, go to salesinfo@4-Hcenter.org or call 800-368-7432.

Horse Contests Resources for 2017–2018 (Horse Roundup)

It is time for horse project members to begin to prepare for the Horse Bowl, Hippology, and horse judging contests!

For information about contest rules and sources, go to: ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/reference_materials_2018.pdf.

National Ag Day Announces 2018 Essay Contest

In preparation for 2018 National Ag Day on **March 20**, the Agriculture Council of America is hosting an essay contest. The theme for this year is, “How Will Agriculture Feed the World?”

This national essay contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. The contest is open to students currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and attending school in the U.S. Contestants must meet all requirements to compete.

National Ag Day Announces 2018 Essay Contest (continued)

The National Video Essay Winner will receive \$1,000. The National Written Essay Winner will receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at the Press Club Event on March 20, 2018. The deadline for submitting entries in the essay contest is January 31, 2018.

The complete list of rules and regulations for this contest is found online: www.agday.org/essay-contest.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD-WINNING MEMBERS

State 4-H Photography Contest

Youth from seven counties submitted photographs for our annual MA 4-H Photography Contest. A total of 11 photographs were selected as Big E Quality Photos. Congratulations to these Big E winners: **Brian Ledger** of Worcester County; **Lance Ponikvar, Nina Dakin, Cole Kraus, and Alexandra Enos** of Essex County; **Hayden Kane** of Middlesex County; and **Cavan Botelho** of Plymouth County.

George Farley Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to **Samantha Barrett** of Worcester County and **Kaylee Urquiza-Anagnos** of Plymouth County who were selected to receive the Farley Scholarship. This scholarship is presented each year to (former) 4-H members enrolled at UMass Amherst. Application details are on the 4-H website.

National 4-H Congress Congratulations to our 2017 National 4-H Congress delegates!

Elina Barrows – Worcester

Jessica Carter – Middlesex

Alexandra Enos – Essex

Lily Reposa – Plymouth

Nicholas Ryan – Plymouth

Thank you to Meghan Connolly, Plymouth volunteer, who will serve as chaperone this year.

National 4-H Congress will be held November 24th–November 28, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia. Congress has served as the flagship event of the 4-H program for over 90 years. Congress provides youth ages 15–18 a quality educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. For more information, visit www.national4-hcongress.com.

The Masterful Massachusetts Milk Ambassadors on the Road

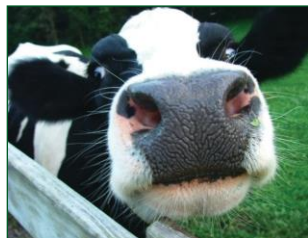
The Massachusetts 4-H program received a grant sponsored by the Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board in July 2016. The grant helps to provide training and materials for 4-H dairy ambassadors to promote the industry throughout the commonwealth. We have six new ambassadors joining the team this year—Bristol: Riley Goodrich and Ben Gomes; Hampden: Katelyn Poitras, Hayden Pike, and Caitlin Small; and Hampshire: Greg Norris. Returning ambassadors are—Bristol County: Dan and Trevor Clapp; Hampshire: Rachel Meacham; Plymouth: Corinne Lee; and Worcester: Morgan Whitney. Advisors are Carrie Sears, Robin Clapp, Mary Ann Meacham, and Nancy Buddington. The ambassadors have designed promotional displays to exhibit at fairs, libraries, and school events. They brought calves to a community day at the Bass Pro Shop. In August, Corinne Lee appeared on the Fox25 “Zip Trip” segment held at the Marshfield Fair. The next big event for the ambassadors will be at The Big E in September. The ambassadors will take turns in the Mallery Milking Parlor and talk with the public about dairy facts and the benefits of milk. Check out their Facebook page, Masterful Massachusetts Milk Ambassadors!

If you have an event that you would like to have the ambassadors attend, please contact Carrie Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu or 413-545-5302.



Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show

The annual state show was held August 4–6 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield. The show



was judged by MA 4-H alum Cody Pearson from New York, and the showmanship classes/clinics were conducted by Kelly Reynolds from New York.

2017 Judging Team Members:

Team A

Samantha Goodfield, Deanna Gould, Greg Norris,
Abby Shaw
Alternate: Katelyn Poitras

Team B

Dan Clapp, Rachel Meacham, Brian Peila, Cindy Shaw
Alternate: Greg Norris
Coached by Moira Poitras and Karl Hartshorn

Fitting Team:

Gus Koebke, Corinne Lee, Caitlin Small
Coached by Greg Shaw

Quiz Bowl Team:

Rachel Meacham, Tim Meacham, Katelyn Poitras,
Cindy Shaw
Alternate: Jack Zine
Coached by Nicole Fletcher

Grilled Cheese Team Members:

Megan Howe, Tiffany Howe, Sarah Jordan
Coached by Rhonda Howe

Show exhibitors by county:

*(Big E delegates indicated by *)*

Bristol

Daniel Clapp,* Trevor Clapp,* Ben Gomes* Jr. Leader,
Riley Goodrich*

Essex

Caroline DeGrappo

Franklin

Sophia Apteker,* Natalie Apteker,* Lexie Henderson,*
Adam Maynard, Siobahn Moore,* Brian Peila,*
Samantha Peila, Chris Urgiel, Claire Wasileski

Hampden

Brynne Goodfield,* Samantha Goodfield,*
Hayden Pike,* Katelyn Poitras,* Alexis Puza,*
Caitlin Small*

Hampshire

Regan Johnson, Grace Koehler,* Rachel Meacham,*
Tim Meacham,* Kirbie Nichols, Austin Norris,*
Greg Norris,* Samantha Riopelle,* Audrey West,
Brian Cody West, Jack Zina

Plymouth

Corinne Lee*

Worcester

Bill Constantine,* Sadie Constantine,* Deanna Gould,*
Justin Hawkes, Megan Howe,* Tiffany Howe,*
Sarah Jordan,* Curtis Koebke,* Gus Koebke,*
Barry Nadon, Kaylin Noto, Lauren Olson,*
Abigail Shaw,* Cindy Shaw,* Robert Shaw,*
Madison Whitney, Morgan Whitney*

Seniors Recognized:

Sadie Constantine, Amanda Goodfield,
Samantha Goodfield, Justin Hawkes, Lexie Henderson,
Megan Howe, Abigail Shaw, Caitlin Small

Supreme Champion Heifer

Samantha Goodfield-Ayrshire

Supreme Champion Cow

Samantha Goodfield-Ayrshire

Top Junior Showman

Katelyn Poitras

Top Intermediate Showman

Sarah Jordan

Top Senior Showman

Daniel Clapp

Top Advanced Showman

Greg Norris

Supreme Champion Showman

Greg Norris

Walter Steins Memorial Award for First Year Exhibitor

Regan Johnson



Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

On November 1, 2017, Massachusetts 4-H Foundation will be auctioning off a number of unique items and experiences and **we're asking for your help.**

What to Donate:

Are you a professional and can offer your services as an auction item? Do you have season tickets? Are there local businesses in your area that you could ask for a donation?

Donation Ideas:

- Restaurant Gift Cards, Gas Cards
- Sporting Tickets
- Hotel Stays, Travel Deals
- Museum Passes
- High-Tech Products
- Concert or Show Tickets
- Private Tour of Your Business
- Personal Training
- Massage Therapy, Spa, Nail Care, Hair Services
- Professional Photo Shoot
- Wine Baskets

How to Donate:

1. Mail your auction items to: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, 1671 Worcester Road, Suite 403, Framingham, MA 01701
2. Or email your donations to: lflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org
3. Tell us who donated the item.

We want to make sure that you or the donor are recognized for the contribution. Please remember to provide this information or download the auction donation form that can be found on our website and send it in with your donation. www.mass4hfoundation.org.

Contact Laurie Flanagan, executive director, with any questions: 508-881-1244, lflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org



**GOING ONCE
GOING TWICE...**

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by making an item donation.

AUCTION DATES: NOVEMBER 1-15TH

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