



4-H NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Order Your Complementary Tickets for 4-H Day at the Big E, September 14

The Eastern States Exposition (Big E) provides complementary tickets to enrolled 4-H members and volunteers for 4-H Day at the Big E, which is Saturday, September 14. Members and volunteers must be currently enrolled. An enrolled volunteer is one with an active role in the program who has a complete volunteer packet (including CORI) on file.

We ask those attending 4-H Day to wear a 4-H tee shirt or sweatshirt and march with the 4-H contingent in the 5:00 p.m. parade. Line up is at 4:30 p.m. behind the Massachusetts building.

To order tickets complete the 4-H Day at the Big E Ticket Order Form found on the homepage of the 4-H website. The deadline to submit the form is August 10. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis as we receive a limited number of tickets.

Remember to Use the Special Link to Shop 4-H

National 4-H is offering the Shop 4-H Affiliate Program. When you shop 4-H online using the special link, Massachusetts 4-H will receive 5 percent of the value of your purchase back in cash. So please use the link to shop 4-H!

<https://shop4-h.org?rfsn=1043080.05136>



Attention all Club Leaders and Advisory and Program Council Treasurers – Financial Reports due August 31

All 4-H Club Leaders must submit an annual 4-H Club Report by August 31. This is a three-page report that includes a financial report. The form is on the 4-H website at <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/volunteers/for-current-ma-4-h-volunteers/financial-management-insurance-report-forms>. Go to “Reporting” and click on “Annual Club Report Form”. Advisory and Program Council Treasurers only submit the financial part of the report.

Important: All clubs that have not filed their annual report by August 31 will be inactivated in 4honline and members and volunteers will not be able to enroll in that club.

Points to remember:

- The report must be signed by the preparer and another club adult not related to the treasurer. If the club has a youth treasurer, he/she should complete the report as able, with assistance as needed.
- A copy of the final bank statement is required; the balance must match the balance reported in the financial report.
- You may use any form or program for the financial report as long as you include the starting balance, a list of expenses, list sources of income and the ending balance for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

4-H Summer Calendar of Events

Please join us at a 4-H fair or other activity this summer!

<p>July 5-7, Regional 4-H Horse Show Three County Fairgrounds ccsears@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>August 16-25, Marshfield Fair Marshfield Fairgrounds, Marshfield mvollmer@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>July 13, Hampshire County 4-H Fair Cummington Fairgrounds waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>August 23-25, Middlesex 4-H Fair 4-H Fairgrounds in Westford wmarcks@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>July 22-28, Barnstable County Fair Barnstable County Fairgrounds, E. Falmouth jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org</p>	<p>August 24 & 25, Worcester County 4-H Fair Felton Field, Barre lrhorn@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>July 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., NE 4-H office open house NEW 4-H office at the UMass Amherst Mt. Ida Campus wmarcks@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>August 31 & September 1, E. Middleboro 4-H Fair E. Middleboro vschell@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>July 27, Hampden County 4-H Fair Big E Fairgrounds, W. Springfield waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>September 13-29, The Big E Join us for 4-H Day September 14 W. Springfield</p>
<p>August 2-4, State Dairy Show Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield ccsears@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>September 14 & 15, 4-H at the Cracker Barrel Fair Wrentham jfield@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>August 2-4, State 4-H Horse Show Big E Fairgrounds, W. Springfield meaganwelch@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>September 23, 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament Holden Hills Golf Course, Holden iflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org</p>
<p>August 2-4, State 4-H Dairy Show Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield ccsears@umext.umass.edu</p>	<p>September 27 – October 7, Topsfield Fair Topsfield wmarcks@umext.umass.edu</p>
<p>August 17, Berkshire County 4-H Youth Fair Pittsfield, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. angelica@umext.umass.edu</p>	

Dates for the New 4-H Year

- The 4-H year starts on September 1 and ends on August 31.
- 4-H records are due in your local 4-H office on October 1.
- 4honline closes for all enrollments in August and will reopen in mid-September; all families will receive an email when 4honline opens for enrollments for the 2019-2020 year.
- Member re-enrollments are due November 30. After November 30 the fee for re-enrollment doubles from \$50 to \$100. Enrollment fees for new members are \$50 regardless of the time of the year.

Important 4-H Food Safety Guidelines

Just a reminder that 4-H requires that every 4-H food concession or event where food is served must have a certified food handler in charge. This requires taking the ServSafe course and exam. For more information, go to the Volunteer Resources section of the 4-H website. Financial support for the cost of this course is available. Contact your local Educator for more information.

The 2019 NYSD Activity is a Game Changer!

In October, 4-H launches the 2019 National Youth Science Day (NYSD) challenge, Game Changers. Designed by Google and the West Virginia Extension Program, Game Changers is designed for youth ages 8-14. Through physical activity and puzzles, this activity teaches kids how to use computer science to create games, solve problems and engage with topics they are passionate about. The activities are easy to facilitate and no prior experience with computer science or coding is needed on the part of the teacher/leader to bring the activity to students. Contact your 4-H Educator for more details or to borrow a kit.



National 4-H Conference and Congress Delegates Selected

Congratulations to those accomplished 4-H members selected to attend these premier national 4-H events!

National Congress – November 29-December 2, 2019

Lydia Fitton-Alves, Barnstable
Jennifer Shearley, Barnstable
Emma Smakal, Worcester
Caroline Tolton, Plymouth
Lee Ammons, Norfolk

National 4-H Conference - March 28-April 2, 2020

Henry Wilhelm, Hampshire
Audrey Amanfo, Hampden
Imani Hayes, Hampden
Fiora Caliguirri-Randall, Berkshire
Sarah Jordan, Worcester
Catherine Bezio, Franklin

Massachusetts 4-H is Recipient of Computer Science Grant from Google

Made possible by a 6 million dollar grant from Google.org, 4-H and Google are bringing computer science education to the 4-H system with the goal of creating equitable access to these life-changing skills for kids and teens everywhere. In Massachusetts, the grant will enable us to provide learning resources and tools to 4-H leaders and educators. A team of our 4-H teens and staff were trained this winter and are ready to share their knowledge with others. To find out how you can get involved contact Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu.

4-H Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing



In conjunction with the anniversary, 4-H will be having rocket launches across the state at fairs and other events. Rockets will be built based on the Ohio State 4-H “Rockets Away” curriculum, using plastic bottles. This curriculum is available in all the 4-H offices. For more information on how to participate, contact your local 4-H Educator or Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu.

Massachusetts 4-H All Stars are Looking for New Members

Are you a past 4-H member or leader? The Massachusetts 4-H All Stars is an alumni service group that meets several times a year. They volunteer at 4-H events, provide funding for 4-H camps and experiences and meet for fun and fundraising. For more information, contact Leon Ripley at 413-357-8829 or at maplecornerfarm@comcast.net.

Regional 4-H Horse Show, July 5-7

This show has something fun in store for every night! Check out the prize book to see what is happening every day at the conclusion of the last class. The show also offers a variety of classes for adults that are 4-H alumni. Anyone that was ever a 4-H member can show! Alumni divisions include under saddle, small equine, driving and gymkhana. All of these new classes are offered so that parents, leaders and alumni will come and enjoy the weekend at the Regional Show. Remember to pass the word to out of state members and alumni, they are welcome too! The entry book is on the 4-H website as well as *Follow us on FB – Regional 4-H Horse Show*. We hope to see you at the show!

State 4-H Horse Show, August 2-4

With show season fully underway statewide, don't forget to add the State Show to your list this summer. The Prize book and Pattern book can be found on our Horse program page under Horse Show resources, and pre-entries are due by July 20th. Just a reminder that we have added an alumni division open to all 4-H alumni, a driving division, full ranch horse division, and have expanded the Hunter division with jump heights at 18", 2', and 2'3"-2'6". There is a Fitting and Showmanship class offered each morning, so day truck-ins for the show are more than welcome! We hope you'll come support your State 4-H Horse program and show with us at our great new location at the Big E! If you have any questions, please contact Meagan at meaganwelch@umext.umass.edu.

Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show

The Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show will be held on August 2-4 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield. **Youth must attend this show to qualify for the Big E Dairy Show.** The entry book is located on the MA 4-H website at http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2019_ma_state_4-h_dairy_show_booklet.pdf. Contact Carrie Sears with any questions at ccsears@umext.umass.edu.

Poultry Testing Requirement



Now is the time to get your poultry tested if you plan to exhibit at 4-H fairs and shows this summer. Your chickens, turkeys, gamebirds, guineas or peafowl need to be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid if they are 16 weeks or older. The testing is free. Tested birds will be banded with a state leg band and you will receive a test report to bring with you to the show. Contact the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to arrange for testing at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/diagnostic-testing-services> or call them at 617-626-1795.

2019 Massachusetts Animal Health Requirements for Fairs

Fair time is here! Make sure to have all of your animal health requirements up to date. The regulations are found at https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/animal_health_fair_rules_2019.pdf. Once you receive your health charts from your veterinarian, please verify all your animal's identification on the charts to make sure the information is correct.

Big E New England Center Activities

All paperwork for action exhibits, stage performances, visual presentations and clothing revue is due to Sherrie Guyott by July 15. The Big E forms are found in the "Forms" section of the 4-H website. Remember that in order to participate at the New England Center you must have been selected at a County Visual Presentation Day and have attended one of three orientation sessions held in June. Only those who have already exhibited in the New England Center are excused from the orientation. Any questions about participation in the New England Center should be directed to Sherrie Guyott at sguyott@umext.umass.edu.

Big E On-Line Entry Deadline for Goat and Sheep

Exhibitors are reminded that the entry deadline is August 10 at midnight.

Big E Information for Animal Shows – Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep

Entry packets for these shows are found on the Big E website at <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>. Entry instructions are found in each of the individual packets. All participants must be at least 12 years of age by 1/1/19. Start to look over these packets now as entry deadlines are strictly enforced. Each exhibitor must set up his/her own on-line account to enter. The Big E will not accept paper entries.

In addition, all Big E participants must complete a Big E Participant Health Form found under the “Forms” section of the 4-H website. The Big E Participant Health Form must be sent to Carrie Sears, 4-H Youth Development, Slobody Building, Suite A-4, 101 University Dr., Amherst, MA, 01002. **Deadline for health form is August 10.**

Any questions should be directed to Carrie Sears at 413-545-5302 or ccsears@umext.umass.edu.



Big E Horse Show

The Big E 4-H Horse Program will run from September 18th-22nd in West Springfield, MA. New this year is a Horse Activities track for youth who want to try something new and are not showing a horse. Delegates will take part in diverse activities and competitions as well as the General Knowledge, Horse Judging, and Team Challenge offered to all other delegates. The Horse Activity track is an opportunity for 4-Hers to take part in the Eastern States New England 4-H Horse Program in a new and different way. They will be learning new skills indirectly and directly related to the equine profession, as well as sharing their equine knowledge with the fairgoers and provide the fairgoers with hands-on activities.

Note this year that all youth showing a horse will be required to submit a health certificate dated within 30 days of the show and proof of flu/rhino vaccination. Paperwork for all delegates is due to Meagan on July 19 and can be found on the Horse program page of the 4-H website under Horse Show Resources. A mandatory orientation meeting date and location will be posted soon. If you have any questions please reach out to Meagan at meaganwelch@umext.umass.edu.

Big E Dog Show

The Big E Dog program takes place from Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29. Throughout that weekend all delegates will participate in dog showmanship, obedience, quiz bowl, take a general knowledge test and have fun with dog agility. Enrolled 4-H members ages 12 and older (as of 1/1/19) who are currently active in the dog project may apply to be a Massachusetts delegate.

If interested contact Linda Horn by July 31. All delegates are required to take part in an orientation session. All participants must register online at <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380> by August 21. In addition, participants must complete the Big E dog application found at <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>.

All questions should be directed to Linda Horn at lrhorn@umext.umass.edu.



We need your help! The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation is busy preparing for the two major annual fundraisers coming up this fall, the Shirley Kane Memorial Golf Tournament and the Online Auction. With your participation we can continue

to grow these events providing more funding to the 4-H programs in Massachusetts. The **Foundation provides over \$300,000 annually to 4-H programs in the state.** Thank you for your continued support!

There are a number of ways you can support the Foundation's fundraising events.

1. Participate by joining us for a round of golf, sponsoring our golf tournament, or by contributing to our online auction.
2. **Help us spread the word!** Tell your friends, colleagues and your family about our events, share our information on your social media pages and tell local businesses about the opportunities to support 4-H!

Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament, September 23

The 17th Annual Shirley Kane Memorial Golf Tournament will be held September 23, 2019, at Holden Hills Country Club in Holden, MA. We are looking for sponsors and players. Sponsorships are available at varied levels with many benefits.

For more information about this year's golf tournament click [here](#).

Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Online Auction, November 1 – 15

Soon we will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money for Massachusetts 4-H youth development programs. Your donation of sporting tickets, restaurant gift certificates, vacation homes, museum passes, high-tech products, or any other product or service will make this year's auction a success once again.

For more information about this year's online auction click [here](#).



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