Time to Think about Summer Camp and Camperships

Yes, it’s cold outside now but it’s time to sign up for summer camp! Camperships are offered to 4-H members that plan to attend one of the four 4-H camps this summer. Go to www.mass4hfoundation.org/images/forms/2018-Campership-Application1.pdf.

You may also want to contact your local 4-H office to find out if your county offers camperships.

We currently have four 4-H camps; Camp Leslie in Georgetown, Camp Middlesex in Ashby, Camp Marshall in Spencer, and Camp Howe in Goshen. Each has their own website, so check them all out!

Four Seasons of Giving

Statewide 4-H Community Service Project

We hope that your club participated in our 11th annual service project. Please help us to summarize our state results by reporting your club’s community service work through the online survey, found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/4-HCommService.

The survey will be open from January through March.

If you don’t want to do the online survey, you may call your local educator or send them an email with the results. Please make sure your club results are reported!
Important Information about Visual Presentations
The 2018 category list and guidelines are posted on the 4-H website at www.ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/vp_category_list_2018_version_2.pdf.

There is an important change. Trifold boards are not acceptable for posters. Although great for a science fair format, the trifold boards are not appropriate for the visual presentation format where they need to be read from a distance and where only highlights of the oral presentation should be included.

George Farley Scholarship Awarded
4-H is pleased to offer the George L. Farley Scholarship to a former MA 4-H member attending UMass Amherst (or accepted for the 2018–2019 year). The application deadline is April 30, but we encourage you to get your application in early. For details, go to http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/george_farley_scholarship_info_2016.pdf.

Check Out Our Exciting 4-H Programs Coming in 2018
Check www.mass4h.org often for up-to-date program information.

4-H Regional Winter Workshops are scheduled for January 20 in Hadley, January 27 in Tewksbury, and February 3 in Walpole. All 4-H volunteers, members, and parents are invited to attend one of these days of fun, learning, and sharing. Pre-registration is required or recommended depending on the location; go to the 4-H home page or events section for details.

The 4-H State Rabbit Workshop takes place January 27 at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School in Upton.

The 4-H Poultry Workshop will be held on February 24 at the Norfolk County Agricultural School in Walpole.

The Massachusetts 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale takes place at The Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield on March 24. Clinics will be held the evening of March 23. Registered dairy calves from all the seven breeds will be offered for sale. Go to www.blueribboncalfsale.com for more information. Details are also on Facebook under Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale.

State 4-H Visual Presentation Day will take place in Bedford on April 14. All those participating must be invited to attend by their local educator by qualifying at one of nine local Visual Presentation Days held around the state.

Planning to Run a 4-H Food Booth?
Any 4-H banquet, food booth, or grill that is run by 4-H for fundraising or any other purpose must have at least one person at the concession who is ServSafe-certified. To find a list of courses, go to www.servsafe.com/home and click on “View Products” to access a list of online courses for food handlers. Another option is to do an internet search for ServSafe courses in your area.

Partial scholarships (usually one half of the cost) are available from the 4-H Foundation through 4-H Director Sherrie Guyott. Go to www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/volunteer-forms for the application. Click on “Application for Funds to Support Workshops” and follow the instructions.

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The spring 4-H Teen Leadership Retreat will happen April 19 and 20 at the Warren Conference Center in Ashland. This year we are excited to be offering Sean Covey’s, “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens”. Funding for this special program is provided through Tractor Supply, 4-H Council, and the MA 4-H Foundation.
State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests will take place on April 28, tentatively scheduled at Wheaton College in Norton. State Horse Judging Contest follows on April 29.

MA 4-H Dairy and Beef Academy happens May 19 & 20.

State 4-H Dog Camp and the State 4-H Dog Show dates and locations are TBA.

UMass Exploring Veterinary Science Academy takes place May 19 & 20.

State 4-H Goat Academy date and location are TBA.

Explore UMass, open to 4-H members entering grades 7–11 for the 2018–2019 school year, takes place June 24 through 26. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to get a taste of what college life is like by living in the dorm and eating in the dining hall on the Amherst campus. This year’s conference theme is “Animals and Apps.” The planning committee is shaking things up this year with a night at the farm that will include tie-dyeing and an ice cream social. A Shark Tank-style showcase will close out the conference. Registration opens in March!

State 4-H Photography Contest entries are due July 1. Check out all the categories today at www.ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_photography18.pdf.

Hold July 6–8 for the Regional 4-H Horse Show at Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton. The entry book will be posted soon on the 4-H website.

Also hold Aug. 3–5 for the State 4-H Horse Show at its new home at the Eastern States Expo grounds in West Springfield!

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. The program is now in its second year. Ambassadors are:

Bristol County: Dan & Trevor Clapp, Ben Gomes, and Riley Goodrich
Hampden: Hayden Pike, Katelyn Poitras, and Caitlin Small
Hampshire: Rachel Meacham and Greg Norris
Plymouth: Corinne Lee
Worcester: Barry Nadon and Morgan Whitney

Advisors to the group 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 provided calves for a community day at the Bass Pro Shop. The Big E Agricultural Department recognized the ambassadors for their efforts in educating the fairgoers during the fair in September. Ambassadors spoke to the public on dairy facts and the benefits of milk in the Mallary Milking Parlor. The ambassadors will be busy this spring with various planned events, along with their participation at 4-H award banquets and MA Ag Day. Check out their FB 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.

State 4-H Fashion Show at The Big E

Start now and you will have plenty of time to sew for the show at The Big E on September 15! All members ages 7 and up can sew a garment or a quilt (or both!) to exhibit in the show. Watch for details in the spring!
**Due Dates for Animal Project Verification Forms**

NEW – Enter Your Animal Project Verification through 4hOnline!

Project verification forms must be received in your local 4-H office by the required deadline:

- **Horse** – April 1 or 90 days prior to the first horse show. Deadline for Big E is April 1.
- **Beef and Dairy** – May 1
- **Goat, Sheep, Alpaca** – June 1

You can enter information on your animal project online to meet the verification requirement. Go to your 4hOnline profile and click on the animal tab just to the left of the enrollment button. For online horse verification: you must complete all fields and upload a front and side view picture; uploading the Coggins is optional. Deadlines still apply so make sure to do this early to allow time for any technical glitches and to receive confirmation that the verification is complete!

**2018 Big E 4-H Beef Show Application**

Remember to enroll your beef steer prior to February 1st if you plan on showing at the 2018 Big E 4-H Beef Show. The 4-H Beef forms will be online in January at [www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380](http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380). You need to enter online prior to February 1st in order to receive your steer’s ear tag. Please contact Carrie if you plan on showing a steer. The heifer online entry form is due by May 1st. For further information, contact Carrie Sears via email ccsears@umext.umass.edu or by phone at 413-545-5302.

**UMass Crops, Dairy, Livestock, and Equine Program**

Questions on livestock and equine? Check out the UMass Crops, Dairy, Livestock and Equine site for fact sheets and workshops at [www.extension.umass.edu/cdle](http://www.extension.umass.edu/cdle).

**New Animal Science Resource**

Merck has permitted us to post a link to their veterinary science manual on our 4-H website — you will find it in the Animal Science section under Animal Science Resources. We hope that our animal science clubs will find it a useful resource!

**Call for STEM Ambassadors for Summer of 2018**

If you will be a HS graduate (18 years and older) and have some background/experience/interest in STEM, you may want to apply for a (paid) job as a 4-H STEM ambassador teaching children ages 7–13. We will have two teams working this summer — one out of the Walpole office, the other out of Worcester. Watch the 4-H website this spring for information on how to apply or contact Kim Pond with questions.

**MA Sends Team to the “Maker Summit”**

As a recipient of the Google grant, MA was invited to send a team to the “Maker Summit” in November held at the National 4-H Center. We are rolling out the Google devices at the Regional Winter Forums so be sure to check them out there!

**High School Seniors! Have You Started to Think about Scholarships?**

Now that your college applications are set to go, the next step is to start applying for scholarships. Did you know that Dunkin Donuts offers scholarships as well as Big Y Supermarkets (this applies if they are in your shopping area). Five of the most popular sites for scholarships are Fastweb.com, CollegeBoard, Scholarships.com, CollegeNet, and USAScholarships.com. Search for scholarships if your parents are involved in professional organizations such as The Elks or Knights of Columbus, as well as professional unions.

If you exhibit animals, there are various breed-specific scholarships. You can check out the Hoards Dairyman and National Dairy Shrine for dairy scholarships or the American Kennel Club for Dogs and Beef and Horse Associations for their respective scholarships. The Big E Fair offers various Trustee Scholarships to youth who have participated or exhibited at the fair. Some of your
High School Seniors! Have You Started to Think about Scholarships? (continued)

Local fairs also offer scholarships to past exhibitors. The Massachusetts 4-H website is another resource, www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/scholarship-application.

Remember to start your search early and check the sites regularly. Good luck!

Environmental Leadership Scholarships Available

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to $20K to eight to ten students graduating from high schools in MA each year. The Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends and providing networking opportunities. To learn more, visit www.thoreauscholar.org. The application deadline is February 1.

National 4-H Dairy Conference Application

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is a leadership conference for 4-H dairy project members held September 29 through October 5 in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The intended outcomes are to promote and sponsor an educational program which will provide a better understanding on the operations involved in the production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well as related areas. The conference allows youth to increase their understanding of the dairy industry, learn about vocational and professional career opportunities, and practice good citizenship and group participation.

Requirements: you must have completed 10th grade (15 years old), completed three years in the 4-H dairy project area, never attended this conference, and provided significant leadership in the dairy project at the local level. The application is online at www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/beef-dairy.

Application deadline is March 15, 2018.

2018 Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show

Youth interested in attending the New England 4-H Dairy Show at The Big E in September must attend the MA 4-H Dairy Show at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield to qualify. The dates are August 3–5. The entry book will be on the MA 4-H website in the spring. If you have questions, contact Carrie Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu.

Congratulations to Our Blue Ribbon 4-H Members!

4-H Dairy Judging Team Competes at Nationals

Four team members from across Massachusetts competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Kentucky, in early November. The team has worked closely together for the past two years but Coach Moira Poitras has been working with them since they were 13 years old! The team consisted of Sam Goodfield, Deanna Gould, and Abby Shaw of Worcester County and Greg Norris of Hampden County. The team took time between The Big E and NAILE to practice at local farms and to work on their reasons in a classroom setting. They visited herds in Warren and Oxford as well as Woodstock, Vermont. This is the first time in five years that the Mass 4-H Dairy Judging team went beyond our local Big E competition to compete at the next level. The team did amazingly well and placed sixth in reasons and fourth team overall out of 23 teams. Congratulations on a job well done!
Delegation Returns from National 4-H Congress

Five youth were selected to represent MA 4-H at the 97th annual National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia. They are Lily Reposa and Nicholas Ryan from Plymouth County, Alexandra Enos from Essex County, Elina Barrows from Worcester County, and Jessica Carter from Middlesex County. This conference provides a life-changing experience for youth to meet other 4-H members from across the country, attend educational workshops, hear inspirational speakers, and tour local attractions, such as CNN, the Atlanta Aquarium, and the Jimmy Carter Museum.

The next chance to apply for this honor will be in the spring of 2019 (for the November 2019 Congress). Contact your local 4-H educator or program coordinator Kim Pond with questions.

Congratulations to All the MA 4-H Members Who Represented MA 4-H at The Big E!

**Beef**
- **Barnstable County** – Annalee May, Jacquelyn May, Alexis Washburn
- **Bristol County** – Mackenzie Costa, Makayla Costa, Ashlee DeMolles, Lily Dias, Emily Mullen
- **Hampshire County** – Elizabeth Allen, Amanda Crowe, Shannon Fox, Emily Johansen, Briana Joyner, Anothy Sarnelli, Lillian Tauscher
- **Plymouth County** – Caitlyn Chernicki
- **Worcester County** – Clayton Constantine, Alyssa Courville, Sam Dykstra, Mckenzie Mclarnon

**Dairy**
- **Bristol** – Daniel Calpp, Trevor Clapp, Ben Gomes, Riley Goodrich
- **Franklin County** – Natalie Apteker, Sophia Apteker, Alexandra Henderson, Siobahn Moore, Brian Pella
- **Hampden County** – Brynne Goodfield, Samantha Goodfield, Hayden Pike, Katelyn Poitras, Alexis Puza, Caitlin Small
- **Hampshire County** – Grace Koehler, Rachel Meacham, Tim Meacham, Kirbie Nichols, Austin Norris, Gregory Norris, Samantha Riopelle
- **Plymouth County** – Corinne Lee
- **Worcester County** – Bill Constantine, Sadie Constantine, Deanna Gould, Megan Howe, Tiffany Howe, Sarah Jordan, Curtis Koebke, Gus Koebke, Lauren Olson, Abby Shaw, Cindy Shaw, Robert Shaw, Morgan Whitney

**Dog**
- **Barnstable County** – Jen Cash
- **Hampden County** – Emma Brault, Caitlynn Tippett, Lauren Zalenski
- **Middlesex County** – Molly Adam
- **Plymouth County** – Corinne Lee
- **Worcester County** – Catey Peterson

**New England Center — Visual Presentations, Action Exhibits, and Clothing Revue**
- **Berkshire County** – Hope Motta, Faith Motta
- **Franklin County** – Catherine Bezio
- **Hampden County** – Derek Arroyo, Isabella Belyshev, Jayson Brown, Ember Clendenin, Briyanna Henry, Keira Leigh Jacquier, Xavier Orta, Jasenat Rivera
- **Hampshire County** – Kaitlyn Park, Skyler Park, Aiden Valliere, Zackery Zawalski, Jenarose Zawalski
New England Center — Visual Presentations, Action Exhibits, and Clothing Revue (continued)

Middlesex County – Kaylie Armstrong,
Allie Cassarino, Julia Hamilton, Hayden Kane,
Julia Kane, Holly Lemay, Brendan Manning,
Maureen Manning, Audrey Mendenhall,
Megan Mendenhall, Katherine Paxton,
Charlotte Schmaltz, Kathryn Schmaltz, Timmy Seale,
Nick Toth, Maddie Wright, Anna Young

Norfolk County – Elizabeth Aspinwall, Maya Dancey,
Jade Dunn, Niamh Grehan, Eva Hourigan,
Hannah Marsh, Emma Pannone, Gabby Pannone,
Ava Richardson

Plymouth County – Sean Coughlin, Kevin Cloherty,
Samantha Donohoe, Morgan Duhon,
Alanna Fennesey, Caden Stone, Elsie Woodland,
Brooke Yoo, Kelsey Ziko

4-H Sheep

Hampden County – Patrick Hussey, Katelyn Poitras

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2017 Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Online Auction. We greatly appreciate all of the auction donations and the significant amount of support we got from bidders like you. **With your help, we were able to raise over $14,000!**

The Marketing Online Resource Center (MORC) library is a great place to get flyers, brochures, or even social media content about 4-H. This website offers all 4-H professionals, volunteers, and staff the opportunity to download 4-H promotional materials. Click here to log into the MORC library: [www.4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/](www.4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/).

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