

4-H Youth Development Program

4-H News



12th Annual Fall Massachusetts 4-H Community Service Project

“Four Seasons of Giving”

The Statewide 4-H Community Service Project held each year is one way for us to demonstrate the positive impact of 4-H community service efforts across our state. *It is important that every 4-H club participate in this statewide effort.*

This will be the second year for our Four Seasons of Giving. Our 4-H clubs are asked to remember the importance of service to others throughout the year and to report their efforts by completing a Survey Monkey online survey. Thanks to the generous support of the 4-H Foundation, incentives will be available for those clubs that complete the survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Massachusetts 4-H STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018

Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

Wow, the summer is over already! It is time to begin a brand new 4-H year 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!

Please read this newsletter carefully for detailed information about how to enroll for the 2018–2019 year. You will also find important information about upcoming events and a 2018–2019 4-H calendar with dates of important programs this year, including State 4-H Visual Presentation Day, State 4-H Horse Round Up, and the regional winter workshops. We hope this helps leaders and members plan ahead!

As always, contact your local 4-H office if you have any questions.

Reminder When Shopping 4-H



Massachusetts 4-H is part of the Shop 4-H affiliate program. We receive 5 percent of the value of most items you purchase through Shop 4-H. The only requirement is that you access Shop 4-H through this special link: shop4-h.org?rfsn=1043080.05136.

Opportunity to Attend the National Summit on Agri-Science

The National Youth Summit on Agri-Science takes place **January 10–13, 2019**, at the National 4-H conference center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Designed for high school students in **grades 9–12**, the summit provides opportunities to learn from leaders in the field. For more information about this program, go to 4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summits/#agri-science.

Massachusetts 4-H will be sending a delegation to this summit thanks to generous support from the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation and Tractor Supply Co. All those interested in being a part of the delegation must submit an application packet by October 15, 2018. For details and to apply, go to ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/2019_ag_summit_application_form.pdf.

2018–19 Calendar of Major 4-H Events

We are planning ahead so you can prepare your 4-H year!

2018

October, National Youth Science Month

October 7–13, National 4-H Week

November 2, Plymouth County 4-H Awards Banquet, Abington

December 8, Hampden County Awards Banquet, Chicopee Knights of Columbus

2019

January 18, Franklin County Awards Banquet, Greenfield Community College

January 19, Western Massachusetts Winter Workshops, Hadley

January 26, State 4-H Rabbit Workshop, Blackstone Valley School, Upton

January 26, Annual meeting of State Horse Advisory Council, Framingham

January 26, Northeast Regional Winter Forum, Tewksbury

February 2, Southeast Winter Workshops, Kingston Intermediate School, Kingston

February 9, State 4-H Equine Seminar, Walpole

February, [date TBA] Essex County 4-H Awards Banquet, Topsfield Fairgrounds

March 2, Middlesex County 4-H Awards Dinner, Westford

April, State 4-H Poultry Workshop, specific date and location TBA

April 6, tentative date, State 4-H Visual Presentation Day, Bedford (**Alternate date is March 30**)

April 15, Hampshire County Awards Banquet, Bluebonnet Diner, Northampton

April 27 & 28, tentative dates, State 4-H Horse Round Up, locations TBA

Spring TBA, Exploring Vet Science Academy, Hadley Farm, Hadley

May 1, Application due date for National 4-H Congress

May 18 & 19, State 4-H Dairy, Beef and Goat Academy, Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton

June 23–25, Explore UMass Conference, Amherst

July 4–7, Regional 4-H Horse Show, Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton

August 1–4, Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield

August 2–4, State 4-H Horse Show, Big E Fairgrounds, W. Springfield

4-H Youth in Action

The 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program is a premier opportunity for youth, **ages 16–19**, to share their stories about how 4-H has changed their lives and how they have, in turn, impacted others. **Application deadline is October 22.** For details go to 4-H.org/youthinaction.

All Returning Members and Volunteers Enroll Online!

Parents are encouraged to re-enroll all returning family members online through our website, 4honline. Paper forms are not required from re-enrolling members; there is a re-enrollment fee of \$50. **The re-enrollment deadline is November 30. After that, the re-enrollment fee doubles to \$100 and full waivers are not accepted.**

New this year: all re-enrolling families must pay by credit card as part of the online enrollment process. Online enrollments will not be complete until the payment is made electronically. If you are unable to pay by credit card, you must complete the paper forms and send them with a check to the local 4-H office.



Please print and read the instructions carefully before re-enrolling. Go to the “4honline” section of the 4-H website ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online 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. **Log in using the email address you gave the 4-H office for the adult in your family (do not use the child’s email address).** The database puts the entire family profile (account) under one family email address. If you have a question 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 (no fee for volunteers). Only active volunteers are able to serve as club leaders and board members and are covered by insurance.

National Youth Science Day (NYSD) Join the Movement – Code Your World

Throughout the month of October, we estimate that more than 150,000 kids will take part in a National Youth Service Day at events across the country.



Help 4-H exceed this goal by joining the NYSD movement. Together we can make hands-on science and computer science education available to all!

To borrow a Code Your World resource kit that contains everything you need to do these activities, contact your local 4-H educator.

For additional information, take a look at the Code Your World facilitator guide found at cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0650/2997/files/NYSD_2018_Look_Inside.pdf.

Remember to visit 4-H.org/NYSD for the latest updates and resources. Share your results on social media using #4HNYSD.

STEM Ambassadors



With funding from the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, and Main Street Bank, Massachusetts 4-H hired four college students to deliver STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education to over 150 children in summer programs in Worcester, Leominster, Milford, Quincy, and

Framingham. The participants learned about computer science as part of the “Animals and Apps” program, programming dog bots to perform some dog agility moves. 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 2019!

Brand-New Members Enroll Using Paper Enrollment Forms

All new members must fill out paper enrollment forms. They are available on the “Forms” page of the 4-H website under “Member Forms.” Checks are payable to UMass 4-H and should be sent to your local 4-H office. To pay by credit card, go to umassextensionbookstore.com/products/87. The fee for new members remains \$50 all year long.

Celebrate National 4-H Week Theme: Inspire Kids to Do

Join 4-H communities across the country to celebrate National 4-H Week, **October 7–13**. A promotional toolkit is available on the 4-H Marketing Online Resources Center, www.4-H.org/MORC.

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.

Reporting Reminder for 4-H Leaders

All leaders are reminded that the annual club report was due August 31. 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 a bank account—there are no exceptions.**

Report forms and instructions are found in the “Volunteer” section of 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.

Policy Change for 4-H Leaders

4-H now requires a minimum of two adults at every 4-H meeting or activity. If your 4-H club does not have any assistant leaders, contact your local 4-H educator to discuss how you will comply with this requirement.

Important – All Volunteers, Parents, and Members

4-H Policy, Guidelines and Procedures

As we start another 4-H year, please remember 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 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:”

- Massachusetts 4-H Horseshow Rulebook
- 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 cannot 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

4-H Director Sherrie Guyott. To apply for funding, go to the “Volunteer” page of the 4-H website, click on “Resources” and then click on “4-H Volunteer Application for Funds to Support Workshops/Conferences/Training Sessions.”

Applications for National 4-H Congress Due May 1

If you are **age 15 or older**, you are eligible to apply to be a member of the Massachusetts 4-H delegation to attend National 4-H Congress, which takes place in November 2019. Go to ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/leadership/national-leadership.

Interested in Computer Science?

We are looking for youth and adults interested in facilitating and teaching computer science programs. We have a variety of resources for you to use, including NYSD Code Your World kits, Google devices, and curricula. For more information contact Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu.

Horse Contests Resources for 2018–2019 (Horse Round Up)

It is time for horse project members to start preparing for the Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging contests! Tentative dates for the contests are **April 27 and 28**.

For information about contest rules and sources go to: ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/reference_materials_2018.pdf. Please note, we are using a new source, “Horse Smarts.” With generous support from the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, we have purchased a copy for each 4-H office as a reference for the horse project clubs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD-WINNING MEMBERS

George Farley Scholarship Award

Congratulations to Ian Williams, of Norfolk County, and Caitlin Chernicki, 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.

Ruby Morris Scholarship Awarded at The Big E

Cole Kraus, of Essex County, was selected to receive the Morris Scholarship. He received the award on 4-H Day at The Big E, September 15. Cole was a 4-H member for eight years, active in leadership, public speaking, photography, general science, rabbit, and community service.

Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show

The annual state show was held August 2–5 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, Mass. The show was judged by Jordan Thomas of New York and showmanship classes/clinics were conducted by Sheri Boardman, also of New York. Congratulations to all!

The judging team members for 2018 are:

Team A

Deanna Gould, Gus Koebke, Austin Norris, Greg Norris

Team B

Sarah Jordan, Rachel Meacham, Brian Peila, Katelyn Poitras

Alternate: Kirbie Nichols, Morgan Whitney, and Jack Zina
Coached by Moira Poitras

Fitting Team:

Daniel Clapp, Gus Koebke, Corinne Lee

Alternate: Deanna Gould

Coached by Greg Shaw

Quiz Bowl Team:

Deanna Gould, Rachel Meacham, Katelyn Poitras, Cindy Shaw

Alternate: Bill Constantine and Tim Meacham

Coached by Nicole Fletcher

Grilled Cheese Team Members:

Natalie Apteker, Tiffany Howe, and Samantha Peila

Coached by Rhonda Howe

Show exhibitors by county:

(Big E delegates indicated by *)

Bristol

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

Franklin

Sophia Apteker,* Natalie Apteker,* Merissa Herron-Clark, Adam Maynard, Siobahn Moore,* Brian Peila,* Samantha Peila,* Chris Urgiel, Claire Wasileski

Hampden

Dakota Phelon, Hayden Pike, Katelyn Poitras*

Hampshire

Camdyn Kelly,* Grace Koehler,* Rachel Meacham,* Tim Meacham,* Kirbie Nichols,* Austin Norris,* Greg Norris, Samantha Riopelle,* Jack Zina

Plymouth

Corinne Lee*

Worcester

Bill Constantine,* Deanna Gould,* Tiffany Howe,* Sarah Jordan,* Curtis Koebke,* Gus Koebke,* Barry Nadon, Kaylin Noto,* Leigha Noto, Cameron Quansah, Lauren Olson,* Cindy Shaw,* Robert Shaw,* Madison Whitney, Morgan Whitney*

Seniors Recognized:

Deanna Gould, Gus Koebke, Barry Nadon, Greg Norris

Supreme Champion Heifer

Kirbie Nichols—Brown Swiss

Supreme Champion Cow

Greg Norris—Jersey

Top Advanced Showman

Greg Norris

Supreme Champion Showman

Greg Norris

Walter Steins Memorial Award for First Year Exhibitor

Camdyn Kelly

Gentle Hands Award

Sarah Jordan

First Annual Volunteer Award

Brian Peila

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