It’s Summertime! Fair Time!

For a great day of family fun, visit one of the many 4-H fairs across the state this summer. Support 4-H and the youth that work so hard all year!

- July 8, **Hampshire County Fair at the Cummington Fairgrounds**
- July 17–23, **Barnstable County 4-H at the Barnstable County Fair** in Falmouth
- July 29, **Hampden County 4-H Fair at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds** in W. Springfield
- August 18–27, **Plymouth County 4-H at the Marshfield Fair** in Marshfield
- August 19, **Berkshire County 4-H Youth Fair** in Pittsfield
- August 25–27, **Middlesex County 4-H Fair** in Westford
- August 26–27, **Worcester County 4-H Fair** in Spencer
- September 2–3, **Middleboro 4-H Fair** in Middleboro
- September 15–October 1, **The Big E** in W. Springfield
- September 29–October 9, **Essex 4-H at the Topsfield Fair** in Topsfield

Joe Major Selected as National Salute to Excellence Lifetime Achievement Honoree

Massachusetts 4-H is proud to announce that Joe Major of Norfolk County has been selected to receive this most prestigious national award. He is the first Massachusetts volunteer ever selected for the National Lifetime Salute award; Dee Raftery of Middlesex County received the National Volunteer of the Year Salute award in 2007. He will be recognized at the Heritage Luncheon at the National 4-H Center on October 6. Joe has been a 4-H volunteer for 37 years and is currently the Educational Director of the Sunnyrock 4-H Club which operates at Ward’s Berry Farm in Sharon. The group is one of the largest in the state and functions as a community club hosting six project clubs; horse, goat, sheep, rabbit, poultry, and cloverbud. Join us in congratulating Joe on this well-deserved honor!
Are You Following 4-H Food Safety Guidelines?

The summer is here and fair and show season has arrived! Please remember that 4-H requires that every 4-H food concession has a certified Safe Food Handler in charge. Information about this and other important guidelines are found in the volunteer resources section of the 4-H website. Financial support for the ServSafe Course is available. Contact your local educator with any questions.

Important Dates for the New 4-H Year

- The 4-H year starts September 1 (and ends Aug. 31).
- 4-H records are due October 1 (this year, Oct. 2 since Oct. 1 is a Sunday).
- Member enrollments are due November 30; after that date, the fee to re-enroll doubles and the fee for all new members remains $50.

Families are encouraged to re-enroll their children online through our enrollment system, 4hOnline.com. Information on 4hOnline and how to re-enroll can be found on the 4-H website at http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online.

Brand new members will continue to enroll by completing the paper forms since original signatures are necessary the first year of enrollment.

Attention All Club Leaders and Advisory and Program Council Presidents/Treasurers: Club and Advisory Annual Financial Reports and Proof of Filing the 990-N are due August 30

The Annual 4-H Club Report (a three-page report, including a financial report) and proof of filing the 990-N are required each year from every 4-H club regardless of whether they have money/treasury or not. The form is found 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 Councils must submit the financial part of the form (Page 2) only.

New this year: all clubs that have not filed their annual report by August 30 will be inactivated in 4hOnline and members and volunteers will not be able to re-enroll in that club.

Remember:

- Report must be signed by preparer and another club adult, not related to the leader/treasurer. If you have a teen treasurer, he/she should be completing the report.
- Copy of final bank statement is required; the balance must match the balance reported in the financial report.
- You may use any form or program you wish for the financial report as long as you include a starting balance, summary of expenses, summary of income, and ending balance for the fiscal year July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017.

Attention All 4-H Sewers! Plan to Be a Part of the State 4-H Fashion Show

All members are invited to show off their best garments and quilts at the State 4-H Fashion Show on Saturday, September 16 at The Big E. Be sure you have your registration forms postmarked by the July 15 deadline. To secure your tickets and dorm spot, if needed, use The Big E registration forms, Parts 1 and 2, and permission/health forms found on the state website under “Forms and Applications,” “Contest Forms.” Also, send the state fashion show registration form to the event coordinator listed on the form. Senior members have the opportunity to submit their garments or large quilts for state evaluation. Be sure to use those forms when applying. If you have questions concerning the event, email program coordinator Joanne Brown at jojofam@juno.com. We can’t wait to see what you made this year!

Application Deadline for National 4-H Conference

For those interested in representing Massachusetts at the National 4-H Conference April 7–12 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Washington D.C., applications are due to Kim Pond by October 23. For details, go to http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/leadership/national-leadership.
10th Annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)

Join Massachusetts 4-H in counting down to this year’s experiment in its 10th year. Each Wednesday starting August 2, we will use our Massachusetts 4-H and MA 4-H SET Facebook pages to celebrate with photos of past activities, present live demos, and have fun giveaways, so join the FUN. Whether you have a 4-H science project or another type of project, NYSD activities are fun for all!

- August 2 – Helpful Hydrogels
- August 9 – Biofuel Blast
- August 16 – 4-H2O
- August 23 – Wired for Wind
- August 30 – Eco Bot Challenge
- September 6 – Maps & Apps
- September 13 – Rockets to the Rescue
- September 20 – Motion Commotion
- September 27 – Drone Discover
- October 4 – Incredible Wearables

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

Developed by the University of Nebraska, the Incredible Wearables activity is a fun way for kids (ages 9–18) to learn about technology by building wearable fitness trackers.

To make this activity easy to implement, a kit is available that contains everything you need to conduct the 70- to 90-minute hands-on activity. 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. You will also need a computer or other device connected to the Internet. You may purchase the kit or ask to borrow one from your local 4-H office.

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

Springfield Makerspace

The UMass Design Center and Mass Development’s Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) are hosting “Make-It Springfield,” a makerspace in downtown Springfield. 4-H’ers, come, visit, and share your projects with others! Find them on Facebook or contact Kim Pond for more details at kima@umext.umass.edu.

Calling All Worcester Members for the Car Competition

The popular car competition and solar car demonstrations return to the Worcester 4-H Fair on August 26. See the Worcester County 4-H Fair book for more details.

STEM Ambassadors

For the second summer in a row, Massachusetts 4-H STEM ambassadors will conduct science-based IMPACT programs in cooperation with collaborating agencies in Worcester, Leominster, Framingham, and Randolph. We have hired three 4-H alum college students to serve as STEM ambassadors with generous funding from the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation. We also hired one UMass Amherst student with funding from the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment as part of the Summer Scholars Program. This is a great opportunity for summer employment for our young 4-H alums, so watch our website for this opportunity next spring!

Looking for K’nex and Legos

4-H science groups are in need of K’nex and Legos. If you have any you can donate, they will be put to good use! If your group is looking for a community service project, why not consider a community Lego drive? For more information, contact SET Coordinator Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu.
Invitation to Exhibit at the Westport Fair

4-H members are invited to exhibit livestock at the Westport Fair, July 12–16. If interested, contact livestock Superintendent Paula Simmons at psimms@comcast.net.

2017 Massachusetts State 4-H Dairy Show

The State 4-H Dairy Show will be held August 4–6 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield. Youth must attend this show in order to qualify for The Big E 4-H Dairy Show. The entry book link is: http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2017_ma_state_4-h_dairy_show_entry_book.pdf.

2017 Massachusetts Animal Health Requirements for Fairs

Fair time is just around the corner! Make sure to have all of your animal health requirements up to date. 2017 Massachusetts animal health requirements for fairs are online at http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/agr/animal-health/docs/fair-regs-2017.pdf. Once you receive your health charts from your veterinarian, please verify all your animal’s information on the charts to make sure that the information is correct.

Club Demonstrations in The Big E Farm-A-Rama

We are beginning our Farm-A-Rama demonstration preparations for The Big E, which runs from September 15 through October 1. There will be space provided for demonstrations in the giant pumpkin exhibit area. Microphones and tables will be provided. Storage space will be limited. If you are interested in exhibiting in the Farm-A-Rama, email aginfo@thebige.com and include dates you are available and the time slots you prefer. Dates will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

New England Center Activities at The Big E

All paperwork for action exhibits, stage performances, and visual presentations are due to Linda Horn on July 15. These forms are found in the Forms and Applications section of the 4-H website. Remember that in order to participate in the New England Center, you must have been selected at a county-level Visual Presentation Day and must have attended one of the three orientation sessions held in June. Only those who have exhibited in the New England Center in the past are excused from the orientation session. Those who complete all paperwork will be notified of their New England Center participation in early August.

Big E 4-H Livestock Shows — Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep — Required Online Entry Procedure

For those interested in exhibiting in the livestock shows at The Big E, the instructions for online entry (paper entries not accepted by The Big E) are now posted on their website at http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380.

IMPORTANT:
- 4-H dairy goat youth need to have completed their required verification forms prior to entering.
- 4-H dairy cattle youth must be selected at the State 4-H Dairy Show in August prior to entering.
- 4-H sheep youth need to notify Carrie Chickering-Sears by July 20 if they are interested in exhibiting at The Big E Sheep Show.

Questions about the beef, dairy, goat, or sheep programs should be directed to Carrie Chickering-Sears at 413-549-3257 or ccsears@umext.umass.edu.
The Big E Dog Show

Dog project members are encouraged to check out The Big E website and consider participating in this exciting program. This event is a fun and challenging way to represent your project and your state. Members may attend with their dog or serve as a show steward. The nonsporting group will be emphasized in the knowledge activities. Other topics will include, but are not limited to, the external parts and confirmation of the dog and the AKC Farm Dog Certification.

To register, exhibitors must:

• Submit an online entry on The Big E website; go to http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380.
• Send the listed paperwork to the show secretary; read complete instructions on The Big E site.
• Send the necessary entry forms and Big E health form to the State 4-H office in the Slobody Building, Suite A4, 101 University Dr., Amherst, 01002.

Forms must be received by August 21. Late entries will not be accepted, so please make sure you send the forms in time so they are received by August 21.

Questions about The Big E dog program should be directed to Linda Horn at lrhorn@umext.umass.edu.

Massachusetts Dairy Goat Academy

Held on May 20th for both experienced and novice goat project members, youth brought their project animals with them for a day of hands-on learning. Former 4-H member Dr. Weston Brown led workshops on caprine health and fitting and showing the dairy goat. Former 4-H’er Gabriella Melnick assisted Dr. Brown and called upon her expertise from her years as a successful goat exhibitor.

Massachusetts 4-H Dairy and Beef Academy

Going into its 14th year, the MA 4-H Dairy and Beef Academy, attended by 133 youths and adults, was declared a rousing success! Youth from throughout New England and New York attended, many bringing their project animals with them. Workshops were held on fitting, showmanship, hoof trimming, judging, whitening tails, and what to bring to the show. A good time was had by all in skillathons, the “Family Dairy Feud,” and the ever-popular obstacle course.

State 4-H Horse Show

September 9 & 10, Three County Fairgrounds

Eastern States 4-H Horse Show

September 20–24

NEW Entry Procedures this Year!

Entry forms will not be sent to your county educator/representative this year. The required forms and $50 application fee (payable to the MA 4-H Horse Program) for The Big E Horse Show are due to Meagan Welch by July 14. Find the application on the website at http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/horses/horse-show-resources.

There is no longer an application process for the State 4-H Horse Show. Those wishing to participate in the state show must register by August 18. For registration materials and instructions, go to the Horse Show section of the 4-H website.

Questions? Contact Meagan Welch, 4-H equine coordinator at meaganwelch@umext.umass.edu.
Congratulations to Our Award-Winning Members!

2017 National 4-H Dairy Conference Delegates

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is held every year in October in Madison, Wisconsin. This year, seven youths were selected to represent Massachusetts. Youths submitted an application and essay, and the finalists were interviewed. Congratulations to the delegates: Sophia Apteker, Franklin County; Austin Norris, Hampshire County; Daniel and Trevor Clapp, Bristol County; and Brynne Goodfield, Hayden Pike, and Caitlin Small, Hampden County. Robin Clapp will serve as the chaperone.

2016 Arthur Holmes Award

Congratulations to Katelyn Poitras of Brimfield who was selected as this year’s recipient. She is a member of the Pioneer Valley Young Shepherd’s 4-H Club. Katelyn raises Southdown sheep and competes at local and regional shows. She plans to continue raising prize-winning sheep and Jersey cattle. Massachusetts Commissioner of Agriculture John Lebeaux presented the award to her at the MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair that took place last Memorial Day weekend in Cummington.

Congratulations to Members Placing in the State Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Judging Contests!

The top four seniors in each competition are eligible to represent Massachusetts at the National 4-H Horse Roundup in Kentucky – wish them luck!

JUNIOR HIPPOLOGY

First Place – Middlesex County
Second Place – Hampden County
Third Place – Hampshire County
Fourth Place – Plymouth County
Fifth Place – Bristol County
Sixth Place – Norfolk County
Seventh Place – Worcester County

SENIOR HIPPOLOGY

First Place – Middlesex County: Kelly Regan
Second Place – Hampden County: Gabrielle Santiello
Third Place – Bristol County: Isabel Toste
Fourth Place – Middlesex County: Cayleigh Goss-Baker
Sixth Place – Franklin County: Megan Rice
Seventh Place – Hampshire County: Molly Zajac
Eighth Place – Bristol County: Katie Lee
Nineth Place – Norfolk County: Charlotte Hughes
Tenth Place – Hampshire County: Rachel Maxon

JUNIOR HORSE BOWL

First Place – Middlesex County
Second Place – Hampshire County
Third Place – Bristol County
Fourth Place – Hampden County
Fifth Place – Plymouth County
Sixth Place – Norfolk County
Seventh Place – Worcester County

SENIOR HORSE BOWL

First Place – Bristol County: Noah Carello
Second Place – Norfolk County: Ceilidh Scott
Third Place – Bristol County: Laura Kuklo
Fourth Place – Middlesex County: Caitlin Curry
Senior Horse Bowl (continued)
Fifth Place – Plymouth County: Sophie Picard
Sixth Place – Bristol County: Sara Rau
Seventh Place – Hampshire County: Amanda Rapoza
Eighth Place – Hampshire County: Rianna LaFleche
Ninth Place – Middlesex County: Cayleigh Goss-Baker
Tenth Place – Norfolk County: Charlotte Hughes

JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING
First Place – Hampden County
Second Place – Hampshire County
Third Place – Norfolk County
Fourth Place – Middlesex County
Fifth Place – Bristol County

SENIOR HORSE JUDGING
First Place – Middlesex County: Caitlin Looney
Second Place – Middlesex County: Catlin Curry
Third Place – Hampshire County: Onna Downing
Fourth Place – Bristol County: Sara Rau
Fifth Place – Bristol County: Kiley Rose
Sixth Place – Hampden County: Lilly Thang
Seventh Place – Middlesex County: Cayleigh Goss-Baker
Eighth Place – Franklin County: Andrea Jernigan
Nineth Place – Hampden County: Gabrielle Santaniello
Tenth Place – Hampshire County: Lindsey Nobes

HORSE COMMUNICATIONS:
Team:
First Place – Middlesex County: Allison Wakefield and Caitlin Curry
Second Place – Middlesex County: Sophia Palmer and Caitlin Maloney

Individual:
First Place – Middlesex County: Olivia Blaufuss
Second Place – Middlesex County: Grace Dolan
Third Place – Norfolk County: Ceilidh Scott
Fourth Place – Barnstable County: Hailey Rosenfeld
Fifth Place – Middlesex County: Kelly Degan
Sixth Place – Norfolk County: Maddy Lane
It's Time to Register for the Golf Tournament!

The Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament is in its 15th year. The tournament has brought in over $500,000 for statewide 4-H programming. This is a significant fundraising event for 4-H programs, and we would appreciate your help spreading the word to both potential players and sponsors.

July 18, 2017
Registration: 10:00–10:50 a.m.
Shotgun start: 11:00 a.m.
Dinner following golf

Holden Hills Country Club
1800 Main Street
Jefferson, MA 01522

website

For more information and to download a copy of the golf brochure, click here. Registration can be mailed in or you can register online by clicking here. Both the golf brochure and online registration forms are accessible on our website: www.mass4hfoundation.org. Please contact Laurie Flanagan if you have any questions: lflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org.

Please tell your golf friends!

Online Auction

Our online auction this year will be held November 1–15. Please help us get a head start collecting auction items.

The more items we collect, the more money we will raise. We find that local businesses feel good about supporting 4-H youth development and are eager to support our cause with an auction donation. In return, they receive positive publicity. Next time you’re at the salon, grocery store, or your favorite restaurant, ask them for a donation or share this form with them.

As always, thank you for your continued support!