When You Shop 4-H Remember to Use the Special Link
shop4-h.org?rfsn=1043080.05136

National 4-H is now offering the Shop 4-H Affiliate Program. When you shop 4-H online, Massachusetts 4-H will receive 5 percent of the value of your purchase. The only requirement is that you access Shop 4-H through the special link above.

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 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.

IMPORTANT: All clubs that have not filed their annual report by August 30 will be inactivated on 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 youth treasurer, he/she should be completing the report, with assistance as needed.
- 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 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, 2017 – June 30, 2018.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JULY THROUGH OCTOBER 8

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Are You Following 4-H Food Safety Guidelines?
The summer is here and fair and show season have 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 Resource section of the 4-H website. Financial support for the ServSafe course is available. Contact your local educator with any questions.

12th Annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) Code Your World
4-H is excited to partner with Google to launch the 2018 NYSD during the month of October. Code Your World is a four-part computer science (CS) challenge that teaches kids to apply CS to the world around them through hands-on activities. Developed by Google and West Virginia University Extension Service, it includes a computer-based activity on Google’s CS First platform and three unplugged activities that bring coding to life through games and interaction.

Contact your local 4-H Educator to borrow a kit to use with your club or to see if there are activities planned in your area.

Introduction to 4-H Robotics
4-H members and their friends ages 8–12 are invited to attend sessions on July 3 and 5 from 1–3:30 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library. Youth can attend one or both sessions. Numbers are limited and pre-registration is required. For details and the registration form, go to ag.umass.edu/mass4h/events/robo-days.

Design & Build Workshop and Car Competition
Bring the car you design and build to compete against other members for the fastest vehicle! Other categories include best use of recycled materials, overall design, and most creative. Competitions take place:
- **August 25**, 3 p.m. at the Worcester 4-H Fair at Felton Field in Barre
- **September 16**, 2:30 p.m. at the Cracker Barrel Fair on Emerald St. in Wrentham

A design and build workshop will take place on August 16 at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole. For details on the workshop or competitions go to ag.umass.edu/mass4h/events/4-h-car-competition-design-workshop.

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 15th 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,” “Big E Forms.” You must 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, contact program coordinator Danica Brown at danicalbrown26@outlook.com. We can’t wait to see what you made this year!
4-H Day at the Big E September 15!

4-H members and registered volunteers will receive complementary entry passes for 4-H Day. Members attending that day are asked to wear a 4-H shirt or jacket and march with a parent in the 4-H parade, lining up behind the Massachusetts building at 4:30 p.m. To place your ticket order, go to the 4-H website homepage and follow the instructions. **Deadline is August 10.**

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2018 Massachusetts State 4-H Dairy Show

The State 4-H Dairy Show will be held on **August 3–5** at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA. **Youth must attend this show in order to qualify for The Big E 4-H Dairy Show.** Note: an extra day has been added this year with a new schedule!


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Regional 4-H Horse Show

**July 5–8**

This show features a special fun activity every night! Check out the prize book to see what will be happening. The show will have a variety of classes for 4-H alumni adults. If you were ever in 4-H, bring your horse and show! Alum divisions will be under saddle, small equine, driving, and gymkhana. Out-of-state youth and alumni are also invited! Pass the word. The entry book is found at [ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2018_regional_horse_entry_book_0.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2018_regional_horse_entry_book_0.pdf)

**Follow us on Facebook – Regional 4-H Horse Show.**

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State 4-H Horse Show

**NEW Dates This Year, August 3–5**

**NEW Location This Year at The Big E Fairgrounds in W. Springfield**

Join us for the 40th Annual Massachusetts State 4-H Horse Show. We are so excited about our NEW location at The Big E Fairgrounds!

We have some exciting additions for all exhibitors as we strive to offer something for everyone over this fun-filled weekend. Check out what is new for 2018!

- Novice Rider Division
- Alumni Division
- Full Ranch Horse Division
- Driving Division
- Expanded Hunter Division
- Small Equine Liberty
- English and Western Freestyle for Senior Riders
- Gymkhana Relays

Go to [ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/horses/horse-show-resources](http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/horses/horse-show-resources) for a copy of the show book. Questions? Contact Meagan Welch, 4-H equine coordinator at meaganwelch@umext.umass.edu.

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2018 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. 2018 Massachusetts animal health requirements for fairs are online at [mass.gov/files/documents/2018/03/06/Animal%20Health%20Fair%20Rules%202018.pdf](http://mass.gov/files/documents/2018/03/06/Animal%20Health%20Fair%20Rules%202018.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.

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Poultry Testing

Now is the time to get your poultry tested if you plan to exhibit at 4-H fairs and shows. Your chickens, turkeys, upland game birds, guineas, or peafowl need to be tested for pullorum and typhoid if they are 16 weeks of age 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
Poultry Testing *(continued)*

Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to set up testing at 617-626-1795 and fitting the animals that they have chosen to show during the Classic. The event culminates with the selection of the “Premier Showperson.” We hope to see you at the Classic!

2018 NOFA Summer Conference
August 10–12, Hampshire College, Amherst

This gathering is packed with organic and sustainable farming education for youth and adults. *4-H’ers can use the discount code 4HNOFA20 for 20 percent off the cost of registration.* For more information and to register, go to [www.nofasummerconference.org](http://www.nofasummerconference.org).

Massachusetts 4-H Dairy and Beef Academy

In its 15th year, the academy was a rousing success! Youth came from throughout New England and New York. Youth could bring their project animals with them to the Three County Fairgrounds. The youth stayed overnight on the UMass Amherst campus. Clinics were held on fitting, showmanship, hoof trimming, judging, skillathon, selection of show animals, and cheese tasting. Sullivan Show Supply offered their Stock U Grad Program to all the Beef Academy participants. **Over 163 youth participated this year.**

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 14 through September 30.** There will be an area 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 the dates you are available and the time slots you prefer. Dates will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Big E New England Center Activities at The Big E

*All paperwork for action exhibits, stage performances, and visual presentations is due to Sherrie Guyott by July 15.* These forms are found in the Forms and Applications section of the 4-H website. Remember, 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 that have exhibited in the New England Center in the past are excused from the orientation session. Those who complete all paperwork on time will be notified of their New England Center participation (category and date) in early August. Questions about NE Center participation should be directed to Sherrie Guyott at sguyott@umext.umass.edu.

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

**Required Online Entry Procedure**

The entry packets for these shows are on The Big E website at thebige.com/p.aspx?pid=competitions/4-h/380&. In addition, all Big E participants must complete a Big E Participant Form (health form) found in the Forms section of the 4-H website, or at [d2w7gersd11ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&f=05aq4hhealthcard-1.pdf&rid=TheBigE](http://d2w7gersd11ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&f=05aq4hhealthcard-1.pdf&rid=TheBigE). Signature/Entry Pages are found at:

Big E Packets for Animal Shows – Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Require Online Entry Procedure (continued)

- Sheep — questions regarding Big E Dairy, Goat, or Sheep: [d38trduahtodj3.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=2018_4H_SheepPacketscm.pdf](d38trduahtodj3.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=2018_4H_SheepPacketscm.pdf)

  - Deadline for goat and sheep entries is August 10
  - Beef: these were due 2/1 for steers and 5/10 for heifers

- Dairy Cattle — will be collected at the MA 4-H Dairy Show

Instructions on how to enter are located under each individual packet. Now is the time to begin to review the packets, which are due in August. All participants must be at least 12 years old as of 1/1/18. All exhibitors must set up their own account online to enter; The Big E will not accept paper entries.

Send the Participant Form (health form) and a copy of the signature page from the entry packet to the 4-H Youth Development office, 101 University Drive, Slocoby Building, Suite A4, Amherst, MA, 01002, attention Carrie Sears. The deadline is August 1.

Contact Carrie Chickering Sears with any questions; ccsears@umext.umass.edu.

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 herding group will be emphasized in the knowledge activities. Refer to the 4-H Dog Packet on The Big E website for additional items to study.

To register, exhibitors must:

- **Submit an online entry** on The Big E website; go to thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380 by August 21
- **Send a copy of the signature page of the entry form, the dog verification page, the dog lease page (if dog is leased), and Big E Participant Form (health form)** to the state 4-H office in the Slocoby Building, Suite A4, 101 University Dr., Amherst, 01002 by August 14

• Attend a workshop/orientation session this summer (delegates to the Big E Dog show)

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

Big E Horse Show, September 19–23

**Entry forms are due** to Meagan Welch at the UMass Extension office at 240 Beaver St., Waltham, 02452 by July 20. The required orientation for Big E Horse Show delegates will be at the state 4-H horse show at The Big E Fairgrounds on August 4.

Congratulations to Our Award-Winning Members!

**Farley Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to the two 2018 recipients of the George Farley Scholarship, awarded to a 4-H or former 4-H member(s) pursuing an education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Ian Williams is a member of the Natick Organic Community Farm 4-H Club and is pursuing a degree in sustainable agriculture at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. Caitlyn Chernicki is a former beef project member and Plymouth 4-H ambassador and is majoring in animal science. We wish them both the best as they pursue their studies at UMass Amherst!

National 4-H Dairy Conference Delegates Selected

This conference is held in October each year in Madison, Wisconsin. This year, four youth were selected to represent Massachusetts. To be selected, youth must submit an application along with an essay on the Massachusetts dairy industry, as well as participate in an interview. Congratulations to Ben Gomes from Bristol County and to Tiffany Howe, Sarah Jordan, and Cindy Shaw from Worcester County.
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 Round Up in Kentucky – wish them luck!

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

SENIOR HIPPOLOGY
First Place – Middlesex County: Allison Wakefield
Second Place – Middlesex County: Allie Cassarino
Third Place – Norfolk County: Charlotte Hughes
Fourth Place – Franklin County: Meagan Rice
Fifth Place – Norfolk County: Madison Lane
Sixth Place – Norfolk County: Nicole Penny
Seventh Place – Hampshire County: Peter Tse
Eighth Place – Hampden County: Lilly Thang
Nineth Place – Plymouth County: Sophie Picard
Tenth Place – Worcester County: Elina Barrows

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

SENIOR HORSE BOWL
First Place – Middlesex County: Allison Wakefield
Second Place – Bristol County: Isabel Toste
Third Place – Norfolk County: Madison Lane
Fourth Place – Middlesex County: Caitlin Curry
Fifth Place – Norfolk County: Libby Lukas
Sixth Place – Norfolk County: Charlotte Hughes
Seventh Place – Hampden County: Lilly Thang
Eighth Place – Middlesex County: Giana Biagioni
Nineth Place – Hampden County: Sarah Cerone
Tenth Place – Middlesex County: Allie Cassarino

JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING
First Place – Hampden County
Second Place – Plymouth County
Third Place – Hampshire/Worcester County
Fourth Place – Middlesex County
Fifth Place – Norfolk County
Sixth Place – Norfolk County: Sophie Picard
Seventh Place – Hampden County: Lilly Thang
Eighth Place – Middlesex County: Giana Biagioni
Nineth Place – Hampden County: Sarah Cerone
Tenth Place – Norfolk County: Nicole Penny

SENIOR HORSE JUDGING
First Place – Middlesex County: Allison Wakefield
Second Place – Middlesex County: Catlin Curry
Third Place – Plymouth County: Marley Snyder
Fourth Place – Hampden County: Sarah Cerone
Fifth Place – Norfolk County: Julia Nerenberg
Sixth Place – Plymouth County: Sophie Picard
Seventh Place – Middlesex County: Grace Dolan
Eighth Place – Norfolk County: Libby Lucas
Nineth Place – Norfolk County: Clayre Ames
Tenth Place – Norfolk County: Nicole Penny

HORSE COMMUNICATIONS
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Middlesex County: Grace Dolan and Caitlin Looney
Individual:
Hampshire County: Sophia Hatfield
Public Speech:
Middlesex County: Caitlin Curry
National 4-H Conference Delegation Met with Senator Elizabeth Warren

Our conference delegation had the opportunity to meet with Senator Warren as part of their conference experience in April. From left to right are Mia, Nicholas, Owen, Senator Warren, Morgan, and Alexandra.

2018 Arthur Holmes Award

*Congratulations to Kyle of Ludlow who was selected for this award.* Kyle is a 12-year member of the Pioneer Valley Young Shepherd’s 4-H Club and Fantastic Farmers Club. He raises Cheviot and Tunis sheep and plans to continue with his flock in the future. He will attend Springfield Technical Community College as an architecture and building technology major this fall.

East Coast Cattle Circuit

*Congratulations to our MA 4-H beef youth who participated in the East Coast Cattle Circuit High Point Awards. Youth had to attend two of the major spring shows held in the Northeast. The goal of the circuit is to recognize the beef cattle exhibitors who strive to exhibit quality cattle throughout the region by accumulating points at recognized shows.*

**Third Overall Senior Showman** – Sam Dykstra

**Second Overall Intermediate Showman** – Alyssa Courville

**Third Overall Supreme Heifer** – Alexi Washburn

**Fourth Overall Supreme Steer** – Harrison Roberts

Jersey Fresh Show, New Jersey

**Reserve Champion Simmental Heifer** – Lily Dias

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