



Massachusetts 4-H Program

Updates for April 24, 2020

Thank you to all of our 4-H Volunteers! This is National 4-H Volunteer Week and all of the Massachusetts 4-H Program staff, educators, and administrators want you to know how much we appreciate you! We are very proud of our entire 4-H family of 4-H youth, volunteers, and parents and the creative ways all of you have come together to continue providing programming and support for each other during these difficult times.

Massachusetts 4-H continues to offer many remote options for 4-H programming in a wide variety of project areas. Many of you have been on Zoom calls, trainings, and have participated in virtual club meetings. Thanks for being so flexible and helping us to keep moving forward! We love hearing from you and seeing photos of what you are working on. Let us know what you have participated in from some of the options in this Email Blast or through other sources, and how you are continuing to work with your projects.

Dairy and Beef Updates and Online Sessions:

Beef Verification Forms are due on May 1.

Zoom Sessions Scheduled April 22-May 7

Horse Bowl – April 22 - 6-7pm with Coach Blomgren

Horse Judging – April 24 - 6-7pm with Coach Chmura (Same Link)

Horse Communications (Final Session) – April 28 – 3-4pm with Coach Welch (Same Link)

Horse Bowl – April 30 – 6-7pm with Coach Blomgren

Goat – 1st Session – April 30 - 7-8pm with Gina and Gabby Melnick

Horse Judging – May 1 (Final Session) – May 1 – 6-7pm with Coach Chmura (Same Link)

Horse Bowl – May 5 – 6-7pm with Coach Blomgren

Pet Therapy – May 7 – 7-8pm with Cathy Acamporo, Diane Mas and Curry Woodland

Email Carrie Sears for the links to each session ccsears@umext.umass.edu for the above sessions that do not indicate the “same link.”

The 2020 Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show Entry Book is now online at https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2020_ma_state_4-h_dairy_show_booklet.pdf

Pet Therapy

Learn about Pet Therapy and the MA 4-H Compact Program on May 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Zoom sessions will be held from 7-8 pm. Youth, parents, leaders and your friends are invited to participate. Watch for more details coming soon!

Puppy Pawlooza Workshop

Save the date of Saturday, May 9 for the online Puppy Pawlooza workshops! This new format will feature several exciting workshops and clinics, including showmanship, obedience, agility, an introduction to the Big E 4-H Dog Show, and more! All workshops will be held on the Zoom platform; more details will be coming out next week!

New Canine Resource from AKC:

4-H participants can learn to improve their Conformation handling at home with [AKC Canine College](#)'s new FREE [Conformation for Beginners Course](#). This course covers important elements of ring-craft, like properly putting a lead on, interacting with a judge, and other basic [Conformation](#) skills. The course is completely FREE and easy to take at home.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress and Conference are pinnacle events for our 4-H teens. Starting this year, Massachusetts 4-H youth will attend both National Congress and National Conference during the 2020 calendar year. During odd numbered years, teens can attend the MA 4-H State Leadership conference.

Delegates will be selected based on an application process. Each person selected as a delegate is expected to contribute \$300 toward the cost of the experience; all remaining costs are paid by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation.

Applications for National 4-H Congress (Fall of 2020) are due to the state 4-H office postmarked by May 2. Click this link for the application https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/nationaltrip_application2020.v3doc.pdf

Scholarships

Are you a graduating senior or first year college student? There are many 4-H Scholarship opportunities found on the UMass 4-H Webpage at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/scholarship-applications> Some scholarships are for particular county programs; others are available statewide. Deadlines are coming up *FAST!*

Here are two special scholarships you may want to consider applying for:

The George Farley Scholarship is presented yearly and the deadline is April 30. The full list of criteria is listed on the website. The applicant must be an accepted student or be currently enrolled at UMass Amherst or in the Stockbridge School.

The Big E Morris 4-H Scholarship is available this year to a MA 4-H member who has been a participant at Eastern States Exposition at least once. The application deadline is August 1.

4-H Officer Workshop Series for Current and Aspiring 4-H Club Officers

Being elected an officer of your 4-H Club is both an honor and a responsibility not to be taken lightly. Serving as an officer gives you valuable experiences which you will use all your life. Much of the responsibility for the success of your club depends on you as an officer. The purpose of these workshops is to help you to better understand your duties and how to perform them well. Below is the schedule of workshops. You may attend one, two, three or all four.

May 5 President/Vice President
May 12 Secretary/News Reporter
May 19 Treasurer
May 26 Jr. Leader/Teen Leader/Mentor
(all times are 3:00-4:00 P.M.)

Email Tom at waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu by May 1st for the ZOOM log in information.

Public Television Educational Programs and Links

WGBH- Public television has many distance learning resources for families. Programs change weekly and can be found at <https://www.wgbh.org/distance-learning-center/broadcast>.

Younger children have access to games, videos, lessons geared for younger age groups, and PBS Kids TV shows at www.pbskids.org.

For educators or parents, PBS offers a series of interactive lesson webinars beginning April 30. Check their webinar page at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/wgbh-education/register-for-our-distance-learning-webinars/3896995940341119/>

Listening is a tough skill to master! Podcasts provide a great opportunity to engage students in a listening activity that is not in front of a screen, where the focus is on what they're hearing, and on an engaging story. Follow this link to find some family friendly podcasts you may want to use or share.

<https://www.wxii.org/education/things-listen-your-kids-podcast-edition>

Technology Tip:

Did you know that you have a built in scanner on your iPhone and can create a PDF document? Here's how:

1. Open Notes
2. Open an existing note or create a new one by clicking the little icon on the lower right.
3. Tap on the camera or + icon in the menu that appears.
4. Choose "scan Documents" from the options that pop up.
5. Hold your phone in front of the document you want to scan.
6. If the scanner is in auto mode, the app will automatically detect the document and capture the scan. In manual mode, you'll have to snap a photo yourself. You can change which mode you're in on the upper right-hand side of the screen.
7. If you need to adjust the scan, you can drag the corners of the page.
8. Keep scanning if you have additional pages, or tap on "Retake" to automatically discard an image and rescan it.
9. Hit "Save" on the lower right-hand side when you are done. You now have a PDF of your document.

After scanning the document, you have a number of editing options. You can crop it, rotate it, switch between color or black-and-white scan and add additional pages to the scan.

Tap on the name of the document to change the file name at any time.

The scanned document is sitting in your note app; click on the "Share" button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen to send your PDF wherever it needs to go.

You can also use the markup option and add your signature or input text.

Science-Technology-Engineering –Math Resources

Visit the Massachusetts 4-H webpage to find multiple resources for virtual trips, science activities, curriculum resources, websites, and more, all located at this link. How can you use these to tie into your school work or your 4-H project?

Visit: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/science-engineering-technology/set-resources>.

Fun Tech using Items at Home

Create LEGO Balloon Cars

https://www.mombrite.com/balloon-powered-lego-cars/?fbclid=IwAR1i_NNGd3tM-kmehLE0Sru11A9L1LS3HOGYNbAeaxP5QqtcNI3hgNZeP04

Recycle CD's into Racecars!

https://www.instructables.com/id/Recycling-CDs-Into-Race-cars/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR1UC14Z47rGHBavU0q4OKddf2PkSqG8ScglAHNnN7o0Y8D-u7yH7LW6Cs



Report Club Community Service Activities

4-H clubs may now report any community service projects they participated in during the "winter season" from December 1-March 31 by going to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Winter4-HSurvey>

Because of the current situation with COVID-19, we will not be able to send your incentive items to you immediately.

Thank you for being patient!

Community service projects during this time will be more challenging, as clubs and 4-H members and volunteers are not allowed to meet in person and must comply with the recommendations of the governor. You may consider making some Thank You cards for first responders or sending notes, pictures or photos to home bound neighbors or residents of skilled

nursing facilities. Send any information about what you are doing to your local educator so we can be sure to let others know about your excellent efforts.

State Map Applique Pillow Project

Do you like to sew? Here is a great site with instructions for how to applique a pillow with our state logo. Use this technique to applique other objects such as a flower or the 4-H Clover.

<https://blog.missouriquiltco.com/state-map-applique-pillow-project/>

STEAM Activities from MIT

MIT Full STEAM Ahead is a collection of resources for teaching and learning online.

Choose from K-12 resources and packages, workforce learning, Higher education and more. New learning opportunities come out each week! Watch the video and look through the downloadable package. Go to <https://fullsteam.mit.edu/>.

To create music and sounds, go to:

<https://fullsteam.mit.edu/week-4-package-making-music-and-sounds/>

How to Reach A 4-H Office Near You:

The 4-H Program is operating and available to answer questions. Reach out to your local office by email. Phone numbers are available at the 4-H Website at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/office-locations-contacts>

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