PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE – for the fun of it!

Take a photo based on each week’s challenge and submit it by the following Wednesday. Photos will be featured in NewsBlasts, state 4-H Facebook posts, and wherever we can brag about our amazing 4-H members! Up to 2 photos can be submitted each week per person.

**One BIG rule** – no pictures of people. This is to avoid any issue with photo releases so that we can share the pictures.

This week’s challenge theme: Green (hmmm…..4-H Clovers?)

Submit photo(s) by: Wednesday, August 18

Submit photo(s) to: vwallace@umext.umass.edu

Be sure to put Photo Challenge in the subject line of your email

Please Note: This summer photography challenge does not replace the annual state photography contest!

4-H Records online - currently unavailable due to software upgrades

Due to the 4honline updates in the software platform, the online 4-H records platform that is affiliated with 4honline is unavailable for 2020-2021. For those who submitted records in 2019-202, be sure to keep the paper copies you submitted for judging. If you need assistance to download the records you submitted online, email Kim Pond kima@umext.umass.edu by August 20th, 2021 with the following information: County, Members Name and Project year.

Club Reports and Financial Summaries Due

Each 4-H club is required to submit an Annual Club Report and Financial Report Form for all financial accounts (i.e. checking, savings, CD's or other investment accounts) to their local 4-H Educator now. If you are having difficulty completing your form or need assistance, reach out to your local 4-H educator or the state 4-H office. This year, each 4-H office will file your IRS 990-N Filing for you! You do not need to do this piece on your own. Forms are located here: https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/annual_club_report_and_financial_form_6.2021.pdf

Club members cannot re-enroll in 4honline for the new 4-H year until your 4-H office receives the club financial report!

Final weeks to participate in the Earth Day 4-H Club Challenge

A Season of Thanks and Service Earth Day Club Challenge - April 1st – September 1st

“...I pledge my hands to larger service... for my club my community my country and my world.”

These words found in our 4-H pledge are meaningful to so many of today’s 4-H families as they have been to past members and volunteers throughout the years. Community Service has been one of the main components of 4-H programming over time.

For more information and submission form visit: https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/news/earth-day-4-h-club-challenge Forms and pictures due October 1st and will be highlighted during 4-H Week.
Pen Pal Project

UMass 4-H Pen Pal project participants, please let Cathy (acampora@umext.umass.edu) or Angelica (angelica@umext.umass.edu) know when you have received a return letter from your 4-H Pen Pal. Let's learn some fun facts about the Pen Pal locations. Next up, Idaho.

- Highest point, Mt. Borah, 12,662 feet.
- Official state dance is the Square Dance.
- It is bigger than all New England combined (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
- Bruneau Dunes State Park is home to the tallest single standing sand dune in North America (470 ft)
- The deepest gorge in the U.S. is Hell's Canyon (8,043 ft deep)
- The first "destination ski resort" in the U.S. was Sun Valley
- The Nez Percé indigenous people first bred the Appaloosa horse in the Kamiah Valley, primarily as a war horse.

Global Citizen Program

Our last trip across the globe!

There was so much support from the continent of Asia, that the final trip will be to visit some new areas in Asia. Thank you so much for going on this journey with us.

Thursday, August 19, 7:00 PM

Young Farmers

Join in on our last Zoom to learn about agricultural marketing. This program is brought to you through a collaboration of the Massachusetts 4-H Program, Massachusetts Horticultural program, and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau. For information and zoom access contact Tom Waskiewicz at waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu

Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 P.M.
Presenter: Meg Jennings. Meg will talk about direct marketing. She worked at the UMass Farm and at Lilac Hedge, selling meat directly to consumers.

Rabbit Health Certificates - Clinic this Saturday!

Rabbits will need to have health certificates in order to enter any fairs, including 4-H fairs. A workshop for any 4-H member who needs a health certificate and tattoo for their rabbits will be held on August 14 at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Dr. Karin Kaczorowski, DVM, will be conducting the health checks. The fee is $10 for a Health Certificate per rabbit. Be sure to let others know! In addition, Owen Weigel will be offering ear tattoos for rabbits, $5 per rabbit

DATE and TIME: Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 11 AM
WHERE: Marshfield Fairgrounds- 4-H Show Ring, 140 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

Sign up to attend at the Plymouth County 4-H Office, email Tia Quinn at tquinn@plymouthcountyma.gov

State 4-H Community Service Project – Summer Edition

All 4-H members are encouraged to take part in this special edition summer community service project. Support youth and families transition who may be in foster care or need to move from one home to another. Social services cannot provide suitcases for each child to use when packing their belongings; unfortunately, they are provided only with large plastic bags.

Donating a suitcase, backpack, duffel bag or similar item will help these children emotionally. Bring your donations to any of the sites below for drop off – our 4-H educators will get the items to foster care. Or sew a pillowcase to donate! We will provide the pattern and instructions. If you need some assistance or to obtain the pillowcase pattern, email Tom at waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu

August 28-29 Middletown County 4-H Fair Westford
August 28-29 E. Middleboro 4-H Fair Middleboro
August 26-27 Worcester County 4-H Fair Barre
Zoom Meetings:
Monday, August 16th – League of Protein Producers at 7pm

The Big E – September 17-October 3, 2021
The Big E is looking for 4-H livestock demos at the fair on the weekends that the 4-H livestock shows have been held in the past years. Dairy – September 18 & 19, Beef – September 25 & 26 (Steer show and sale will be held at this time), Sheep & Goats – October 1. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carrie Sears for further details at ccsears@umext.umass.edu

Massachusetts 4-H Virtual Fair
Congratulations to all of the exhibitors on your amazing entries! The average age of the exhibitors was 12 years old with many Cloverbud entries. Norfolk County had the most 4-H members participate followed by Middlesex and Hampshire County. We hope to see you in 2022 when we host the Third Annual Massachusetts 4-H Virtual Fair!

Here are a few of the prize winning entries:

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4-H FAIRS
UMass 4-H fairs will occur throughout the summer, offering 4-H members many opportunities to show what they have learned in their project areas. For most of these fairs, all registered Massachusetts 4-H members are welcome to enter classes. However, be sure to check with the contact person listed below to obtain a link to the fair entry book and before entering your projects!

Not entering items in a fair? Be sure to visit at least one and get some ideas for what you might participate in during the next 4-H year!

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**UMass Extension 4-H Community Service Program – FALL Edition Virtual KICKOFF!**

The UMass 4-H Program statewide community service project for the new 4-H Year will kick off on September 16! This will be the first of 3 community service initiatives this year; each initiative will last for a period of four months. The focus of the first initiative will be Youth Mental Health and will take place from Sept - Dec 2021.

Each of the three initiatives will include a Zoom kickoff event which will have a speaker who is an expert in the field for that initiative, ideas to get you started in your community, and a tie into Head-Heart-Hands-Health! Throughout each four month initiative our program will have a variety of IMPACT/SPIN programs and UMass 4-H CES presentations that will also connect with the theme.

Be aware that the statewide community service program DOES NOT mean that 4-H'ers cannot conduct their own individual or club based planned community service!

Join us for the first session of this initiative focusing on Youth Mental Health on **Thursday, September 16, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**
To register for the kickoff event, go to: [https://bit.ly/3ec9Qff](https://bit.ly/3ec9Qff)

**UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:**

The 4-H Program is operating remotely; we are available to answer questions. It is best to 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](https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/office-locations-contacts)

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Photo Challenge: 25 Feet or Taller: