UMass Extension 4-H Program

August 20, 2021

Weekly NewsBlast

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all 4-H families and volunteers in Massachusetts. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members everywhere, no matter where you live or what club or group you belong to!

Check these sites, and your local county Facebook page, for more details and for updates to programs: https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h and https://www.facebook.com/Mass4H/

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; these are currently due. 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!

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE – for the fun of it!

Keep those photos coming! Only a couple of weeks left to this Photo Challenge! 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: Wheels
   Submit photo(s) by: Wednesday, August 25
   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!

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.
UMass Extension 4-H Fall Community Service Program Kickoff September 16

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. 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

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!

4-H FAIRS
UMass 4-H fairs are still taking place! 4-H members have opportunities to showcase 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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<th>Open to all MA 4-H members</th>
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<td>Marshfield Fair Aug 20-29</td>
<td>Open to all New England 4-H members and open youth</td>
<td>Marshfield Fairgrounds</td>
<td>Molly Vollmer</td>
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<td>Middlesex Co 4-H Fair August 28-29</td>
<td>Check with contact person</td>
<td>Middlesex County Fairgrounds</td>
<td>Pam LeFave</td>
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<td>Worcester County 4-H Fair August 28 &amp; 29</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Barre, Mass The Worcester County 4-H Fair takes place on Saturday, August 28th and Sunday, August 29th. However, Hall entries need to be dropped off on Friday, August 27th.</td>
<td>Meg McDermott</td>
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<td>East Middleboro 4-H Fair 9/4-9/5</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>E Middleboro 4-H clubhouse; Thompson St, Middleboro</td>
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<td>Topsfield Fair October 1-11</td>
<td>There are 4-H classes; check with contact person</td>
<td>Topsfield Fairgrounds, Essex</td>
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Pen Pal Project
UMass 4-H Pen Pal project participants - be on the lookout for a survey to find a date for a Zoom gathering to discuss our Pen Pals Project and the next steps!

Here are some fun facts about one of the Pen Pal locations – New York!

- The Statue of Liberty arrived in 214 wooden crates as a gift from France.
- The oldest continually running newspaper in the U.S. is the New York Post (Established 1803)
- First state to require people to use license plates on cars.
- The first pizzeria in the U.S. opened in NYC in 1905
- Cross Island Chapel is the smallest church in the world, measuring 3.5 feet x 6 feet.
- A Dutch settler purchased the Island of Manhattan from the indigenous tribe for 60 guilders worth of trade, approximately $1,143 in 2020 dollars.
- The quote at the base of the Statue of Liberty is a poem by Emma Lazarus (11/2/1883), "The New Colossus". The most quoted part of the poem is the end:
  - Give me your tired, your poor,
  - Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
  - The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
  - Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
  - I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"
UMass Extension 4-H Summer Community Service Project

Donate a suitcase, backpack, duffel bag or similar item to help foster children. Social services cannot provide suitcases for each child to use when packing their belongings; unfortunately, they are provided only with large plastic bags.

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 All 4-H members are encouraged to take part in this special edition summer community service project.

August 28-29 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Westford
August 28-29 E. Middleboro 4-H Fair Middleboro
August 26-27 Worcester County 4-H Fair Barre

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Contact Carrie Sears with any questions or to register for any of the events below at ccsears@umext.umass.edu

Zoom Meeting:
August 23rd – League of Protein Producers – Matt LeRoux – 7:00pm

4-H Dairy Judging Contest:
August 27th - 4-H Dairy Judging Contest – Cummington Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA 7:00pm

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

Galactic Quest

You are invited to join a webinar: 4-H STEM Challenge - Galactic Quest. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar. Tune in to learn all about the 2021 4-H STEM Challenge - Galactic Quest, designed by Clemson University. Galactic Quest explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YWgdHgpTSAqczMo_9eWizg?_cldee=a2ltYUB1bWV4dC51bWFzcy5iZHU%3d&recipientid=contact-e2a98fa908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f2fb44af91ae4ec5a1276a32f56c28b4&esid=5388ae8a-acfb-eb11-8196-00155dcc3832

4-H Offices

Some of the 4-H offices are now staffed and some are in the process of moving! The Norfolk/Bristol and Worcester offices are currently closed and will be moving very soon. Following the state of Massachusetts and UMass guidance, anyone visiting UMass facilities, including 4-H offices, is required to wear face coverings. This applies to vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Face coverings must be work in all indoor public spaces, including entries and exits to buildings, meeting rooms, restrooms and in all shared offices and work areas. Call prior to visiting to ensure someone will be at the office you wish to visit.

UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:

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

State 4-H Office: Linda Horn, Interim Director lhorn@umext.umass.edu
Carrie Sears, 4-H Animal Science Program Manager – ccsears@umext.umass.edu
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- Dawn Johnson, Administrative Assistant: dawn.johnson@barnstablecounty.org