



# UMass Extension 4-H Program

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Email NewsBlast

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all UMass 4-H families and volunteers. 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/>

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## Animal Science Programs

Contact Carrie Sears with any questions or to register for any events below at [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu)

### Animal Science Meetings, Workshops and Contests

May 23 – State 4-H Dairy Advisory Zoom – 7:00pm

May 24 – State 4-H Horse Show Planning Zoom – 7:00pm

May 25 - Horse Teams Orientation – In-Person Meeting – 7:00pm – Worcester County 4-H Office – Auburn

May 26 – Horse Chat Zoom – 7:00pm

June 6 – Regional 4-H Horse Committee Meeting – 6:30pm – 4-H Office, Hadley

June 15 - State Horse Advisory Committee Zoom – 7:00pm (note later time)

### UCOMING ANIMAL SCIENCE ACADEMIES

#### The UMass 4-H Dairy Cattle Academy

June 11th from 9:00am – 4:00pm at Fletcher Farm, Southampton, MA. Katie Coyne – Mill-Wheel Show Clinics, NY Clinician – Flyer and registration is open at [https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2022\\_dairy\\_academy.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2022_dairy_academy.pdf)

**UMass 4-H Exploring Veterinary Science** - June 18 & 19 – UMass Hadley Farm, Hadley – Email will be sent out on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for details.

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Massachusetts – Impact on shows and events

The Massachusetts Division of Animal Health has announced that due to HPAI in our state, all poultry events, swaps and shows will be postponed until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. At that time, the ban may be lifted pending review of the outbreak.

### Important Dates for Animal Science Projects:

If you plan on showing your animal project at 4-H fairs, please note the following deadlines. All forms are located on the specific species pages on the UMass Extension 4-H website.

#### **Verification and Model Lease Forms:**

Due by **June 1** to your local 4-H Office – Goat, Sheep, Swine Alpaca, and Llamas

Due by June 1 to your local 4-H Office - Dog Verification Form located at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/dogs>

### Verification Forms

**Horse** – Need to complete only if you plan on showing at the New England 4-H Horse Show (Big E) in September.

### New England 4-H Shows

The 4-H livestock, horse and dog shows will be back at the Big E Fair in September. The dorms will also be available to our delegates. Each of the species committees are reviewing their show schedules and determining the number of days the delegates will be at the fair. Right now it looks like the 4-H shows are going to be held during their regularly scheduled weekends.

#### **Announced as part of the 4-H Program at ESE as of now:**

**Dairy Cattle 4-H Show** – Thursday, September 15-Sunday, September 18

**Beef 4-H Show** – Friday, September 23-Monday, September 26

**4-H Horse Show** – Thursday, September 22-September 25

**Dairy Goat 4-H Show** - Thursday, September 29-Saturday, October 1

**Dog 4-H Show** - Friday, September 30-Sunday, October 2

**Sheep 4-H Show** - Friday, September 30-Sunday, October 2

#### 4-H Horse Shows

Our 4-H horse shows entry books are starting to be posted on-line at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/horses> under the Contest/resources tab.

Posted this week:

**The Regional 4-H Horse Show** – July 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Entry deadline is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Open to NE 4-H youth and 4-H alumni

**NEW POSTING - The State 4-H Horse Show** is returning on July 15-17 at the Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield, MA. Small equine, jumping and alumni classes will be offered. Entry Book will be posted on Friday, May 20. Watch for posts on FB and email for details. Open to NE 4-H youth and alumni.

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### Career Exploration Series

The Career Exploration Series will take a summer break but will be back in September! Join us for the last program of this season on June 1

June 1	Joan Pierce  Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3PwrjQr">https://bit.ly/3PwrjQr</a>	Land Agent Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game  Image buying property with someone else's money. Image if that property gets used to help the environment and natural habitats!  Learn more from Joan Pierce who does this for a living. Before Joan purchases a property for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, she must complete many steps that include making GIS maps, using her botany & wetland identification skills, walking the land, and meeting with people throughout towns and cities. Joan is on the front line to save green spaces.
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### State 4-H Photography Contest Deadline for submissions June 17!



The UMass 4-H State 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and provides youth participants to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment, the process of photography, and use of software.

Consider entering and showing your talent and skills! Entrants must be currently enrolled UMass 4-H members; all ages can enter! A special category for Cloverbuds has been added this year.

Find all the rules and contest information on the UMass 4-H website under the Clubs and Programs tab (<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs>). Be sure to scroll down the page and look under State Level Program Opportunities. All entries must be submitted by Saturday, June 17, 2022. Contact Molly Vollmer with any questions at [mvollmer@umext.umass.edu](mailto:mvollmer@umext.umass.edu)

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### Explore UMass Conference for 4-H Teens

Enrollment is open for the Explore UMass in person conference to be held on June 26-28 at the UMass Amherst campus. Participants must be fully enrolled UMass Extension 4-H members who are at least 12 years old or be registered to attend grades 7-11 for the 2021-2022 school year by June 26th 2022. Contact Kim Pond with any additional questions you may have.

Tracks for this year's conference are:

- Farmers and Climate Change
- Food Science
- Health Science with the UMass Nursing program
- Veterinary Science

Each participant is responsible to pay \$100 registration; the additional fee amount is being subsidized by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation as well as National 4-H partners, such as the Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign. There are a variety of scholarship sources should you need additional financial support. Reach out to your local educator to find out how to contact the advisory council or state 4-H office for more details.

**What to Expect if attending:** Drop off for the conference will be on Sunday June 26 at our assigned dorm between 2 and 3 PM. Pick up to return home will be between 1:30 and 2:30 on Tuesday June 28. Those registering will receive more details, a packing list, and more when registrations are processed.

**How to Register:** Register through 4honline – sign in with your regular login and password. Look for the Events tab on the left.

- Select the family member you wish to register and click “Start Registration”
- Pick one session (track) and answer any questions you see
- Your health form will show; please update this document with any changes
- Select “Pay by Check”. You cannot pay through 4honline. Click Confirm
- Scroll down to see the blue “Next” button. Then click “Finish”
- You will receive an automated email about payment – this will show payment is pending
- Checks need to be made out to the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation and mailed to
  - Kim Pond, 7 Midstate Drive Suite 102, Auburn MA 01501

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### New Members Meet Up – June 2



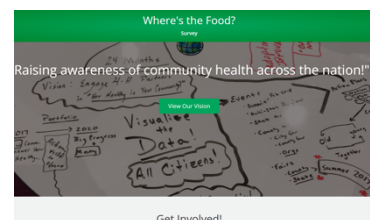
Newer 4-H Members who are not yet enrolled in a club and are exploring options are invited to attend a zoom meet up with 4-H educators. Meet as a group to work on fun projects, learn more about 4-H, and talk about potential clubs or groups to join and to meet other 4-H members.

No matter where you are in the state, if you currently are not affiliated with a 4-H group and are an independent member, join the zoom on June 2, 2022, at 6:30. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/NVbT4G2XNmP25LUo6> If you have questions, contact VaShon Wallace Hiltbold at [vwallace@umass.edu](mailto:vwallace@umass.edu)

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### National Community Service Opportunity on Food Insecurity

Are you interested in helping with a national 4-H effort? The National 4-H GIS Leadership Team is looking for clubs interested in helping to add data to the "Where's the Food Dashboard". With the community service work and food drives our 4-H'ers are engaged with this is a great connection with a technology twist. Visit [www.wheresthefood.us](http://www.wheresthefood.us) for more information, to check out the database, and sign up.



The National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team supports youth and adult partners, using the power of GIS to visualize data, raise awareness and spark positive change in communities. Check this website to see what the National 4-H GIS/GPS leadership team accomplished in 2020:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/961ab016c8934afd9c77ba56782b1e4c>

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### STEM CHALLENGE

Watch for a STEM challenge in upcoming NewsBlasts. We hope you will try some of them and enter what you have done in the Virtual 4-H Fair, an in-person 4-H fair or even use what you have learned for a school project! Thanks to our friends at the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program for providing these activities online!

#### **This week's Challenge: Stop Motion Animation**

Learn to create fun animations by participating in the 4-H Stop Motion Animation Challenge! Learn about stop motion animation, practice video planning and storyboarding, explore software used to make stop motion animations, and channel your creativity to make your own animated film. Go to this link for the full details, resources and videos:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/IL%204-H%20Stop%20Motion%20Challenge%20Details.pdf>

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### UMass Extension 4-H Program Safety Precautions

4-H clubs and groups are able to meet with no mask restrictions at this time. Individuals are welcome to wear masks at their own discretion and without question. Masks are recommended for individuals or anyone in their household who have a weakened immune system or an increased risk for severe illness. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and boosted should also continue to wear masks indoors.

We encourage everyone to respect the choices that individuals will make about their own masking. The university also recognizes that COVID-19 presents a fluid public health situation, and we may need to require face coverings in the future should guidance change. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting health, safety and wellbeing within our 4-H community.

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## UMass 4-H Facebook Page

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/Mass4H> each day to see posts about these topics:

Monday – Healthy Lifestyles with a focus on mental health, but also exercise and nutrition  
Tuesday - Deadlines, tips, record book reminders, and icebreakers  
Wednesday – Animal Science and Agricultural Information  
Thursday – Civic Engagement, including club officers, community service, teen leadership and clubs in the news  
Friday – Science, Engineering and Technology.

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

Contact the 4-H person you wish to meet with prior to visiting any of the 4-H offices to ensure they are scheduled to be in. Thank you.

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