



UMass Extension 4-H Program

November 5, 2021

Weekly 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/>

Animal Science Programs

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

Hold these Dates:

November 8 – League of Protein Producers – 7:00pm (Zoom)

November 15 – Regional 4-H Horse Meeting 6:30pm (In-person)

Upcoming Events:

Equine Affaire – November 11-14, 2021 Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA <https://equineaffaire.com/events/massachusetts/>

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

Sixteen 4-H youth are competing on November 6th in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky. The team members have been practicing since June to prepare for the contests. We will have teams competing in the Communications Contest, Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl. Results and team members will be announced in next week's edition. Good luck to the team members!

Bringing Animals to Public Events

Fall time is usually busy with community events and 4-H members bringing animals to visit with the public. Make sure to bring your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with you or if a canine, your most recent Rabies Certificate. Here is a good resource to review prior to your event -

<https://www.healthyagriculture.org/training/livestock-poultry-public-settings/>

Internal Parasite Control is Year-round

Internal parasites pose a significant threat to the health of horses, plus large and small ruminants, which are becoming popular with hobby and small-scale farmers.

According to the Purdue and Kentucky [joint] Extension Service, parasites can damage the gastrointestinal tract of ruminants, and result in reduced reproductive performance, reduced growth rates; less productive animals in terms of meat, fiber and milk; and even death.

Now is the time to work with your veterinarian and develop a parasite control plan.

STEM Updates/Dates: Contact Kim Pond with questions or for more details

Activities and opportunities connected to the UMass 4-H Google Grant: Computer Science and the 4-H program Open Sessions Upcoming Events:

To accommodate more people's schedules we will have two sessions on Zoom. (If you would like to share your work/project reach out to Kim Pond at kima@umass.edu.)

- Thursday December 2nd at 5pm featuring our Springfield CS Program &
- Monday, December 6th at 7pm to kick off Computer Science Week

Learn how this relates to other 4-H projects such as Horses, Dogs, Clothing and Textiles, and more! Find trainings and resources at the CS Science resource HUB <https://click2computerscience.org/> Resources are available for the 2018 and 2019 NYSD Kits, Ozobots, 3-D Printers, e-textiles, and more!

November is **month of the Military Family** and Veteran's Day is on November 11. Military Families serve as well as the service member in their family. During COVID-19, our National Guard has been called up to serve in many

capacities ranging from testing, vaccination clinics, and even driving buses. We in 4-H appreciate their dedication and service to the Commonwealth.

Some community outreach projects to consider:

- Project New Hope has two food and baby pantries in MA (Worcester & Holyoke) - <https://www.projectnewhopema.org/>
- Adopt a military family for Christmas through Project New Hope <https://www.projectnewhopema.org/veterans-support-programs/operation-jeepers-christmas/>
- Create and distribute cards to Veteran's
- Check in with your town's VSO (Veteran Service Officer) for local opportunities to assist veterans, such as organizing or collecting food, creating cards, helping with yard clean up, etc.
- Participate in Veteran's Day Observances locally
- Design and put up a sign of thanks in your community

Upcoming Zoom Trainings and Information Sessions

Club Officer Roles, Responsibilities, and Information: Designed for teens and volunteer leaders

Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/pWHbTaqDjZhMTbaaA>

November 30-President/Vice-President

December 7-Secretary

December 14-Treasurer

December 21-Club Reporter/Events Coordinator

Behind the Scenes – 4-H History and How it Works – designed for 4-H Members

November 9 – Club Basics Starts at 6:30PM. Contact Tom Waskiewicz to register

4-H 101 – Final Session! Designed for volunteers; teens are welcome too!

November 10 – Recognizing 4-H members' accomplishments and Making action Plans

Contact Vashon Hiltbold to register or go to <http://forms.gle/Tu5zru4u2FoA4q3Z6>

Join us for a focus group!

Interested in telling us about your experience with 4-H Records? Love them? Fear them? A group of UMass Extension 4-H Educators has been working to review the annual Records process and forms with the goal of updating the system to better meet the needs of 4-H members in Massachusetts.

We are requesting your participation in one of two focus group opportunities that will help us to better understand your experiences documenting and submitting project record books each year. If you are interested in bringing your voice to the table, **please join us via Zoom either on Sunday 11/7 at 7 PM OR Monday 11/8 at 6 PM.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Cynthia Bushey at cabushey@umass.edu.

Sunday Focus Group: UMass Extension 4-H Records

Time: Nov 7, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/92636379457>

Monday Focus Group: UMass Extension 4-H Records

Time: Nov 8, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/99170069171>

Career Exploration Series

The UMass 4-H Career Exploration Series is a virtual Zoom series that brings youth and professionals together. Presenters discuss what their job REALLY entails, what it took to get where they are now, and maybe some opportunities that may have happened along the way. Youth can either talk directly with the presenter or put their comments or questions in the chat box!

November 17	Young Min Moon Department Chair and Professor Department of Art, College of Humanities and Fine Art UMass Amherst Registration Link: https://bit.ly/3AhjMqg	Born in South Korea, Young Min Moon immigrated to Canada when he was sixteen. After being in a hard rock band for a few years as a lead guitarist, Moon heard a 'calling' when he encountered van Gogh's paintings in a library. He gradually shifted his main interest from music to art. After finishing his college in Toronto, he obtained his master's degree in California. After working as a coordinator for a large international exhibition in Gwangju, South Korea, he moved to Cambridge, MA to work as a teaching assistant for a former professor in
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		<p>California, who got a job at Harvard. Although his years at Harvard were pretty miserable, he learned a great deal about the art of teaching.</p> <p>After a number of years of being confused, Moon eventually got a full-time teaching job in Florida and worked hard to become a good teacher. After he moved back to the northeast, he started writing about art. When he published his first book, Moon became known as a critic and expert in contemporary Korean art. While he was honored to be recognized as a writer, his art took a backseat. For years Moon tried to bring a good balance between his own art, writing, teaching, and being a parent. Over the past three decades Moon has had some successes in his art, but he also had many failures and rejections. But he doesn't let failures and rejections affect him very much. He keeps on making paintings, while writing and teaching. Moon is a painter at heart and feels happiest when he begins a painting. Recently he has been painting the motif of a low dinner table full of delicious foods for ghosts of ancestors. He is a professor and chair of the department of art at UMass Amherst.</p>
December 1	<p>Abigail Franklin Archer</p> <p>Fisheries & Aquaculture Specialist</p> <p>Registration Link: https://bit.ly/3net1bS</p>	<p>Abigail Franklin Archer works as a Fisheries & Aquaculture Specialist with two organizations – Barnstable County and Woods Hole Sea Grant. She is a marine scientist and earned her Master's in Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation from UMass Amherst. She does scientific experiments and observation studies on a variety of animals such as oysters, quahogs, and a type of fish called river herring. All her work involves cooperating with town natural resources managers and shellfish aquaculture growers.</p>

Going Once, Going Twice.....

Looking for a unique holiday gift or something for yourself? The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation will hold its annual Online Auction from November 1-15 on the [Bidding for Good](#) platform.

Bid on experience gifts like Mohegan Sun, Storyland or Treetop Adventures, multiple luxury New England hotel stays, retail and restaurant gift cards and more! *100% of proceeds from the auction go directly to 4-H programming.* Support Massachusetts 4-H while you breeze through your holiday shopping! If you have an item to donate, please [visit our website](#).

Register in 4-H -

Have you re-enrolled for the New 4-H Year yet? There are resources to assist you on the UMass Extension 4-H website at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online>.

UMass 4-H Program fee will go up on Jan 1, 2022. 4-H members must be fully enrolled (all paperwork turned in to county office and fee paid) prior to participating in any programs.

Having trouble? Here are some tips:

- In 4honline you should see a logo that is a circle with the initials rm in the center. If you do not see that logo, you may be using an old link or one you have bookmarked. Delete your old bookmark and instead go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- Membership Payment is found at the UMass 4-H website (<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h>) Scroll down and look for the yellow "Membership Payment" tab on the right side of the page.
- You can reset your password in case you forgot what it is!
- If your e-mail has changed, or you are not sure which email address you used to log in, don't worry! Reach out to your local office and they can either look it up or reset it for you.
- Anyone who is a new member or interested in joining UMass Extension 4-H must contact their local 4-H educator to obtain the proper paperwork. A list of educators is at the end of the NewsBlast.

• 4-H Club Grants

- Did you know that the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation raises funds to support 4-H programming throughout Massachusetts? This independent non-profit partner offers many opportunities for clubs, including 4-H club or council grants! These grants are available for special projects or needs that the group has which support the educational program and 4-H priorities. Grants are not meant to be used for member awards, travel expenses, tee shirts, etc. Grants are awarded quarterly. Applications are reviewed on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. You can find out more details and obtain a grant application by visiting <https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/for-families-clubs/grants-and-awards/>

Safety Measures and precautions: UMass Extension 4-H not only requires everyone to wear a mask in any UMass building, including 4-H offices, but also for adult volunteers and youth members at 4-H club meetings or events. COVID guidance can change daily; following daily guidance of the CDC and UMass 4-H when holding 4-H club meetings is required. See below for more details. Thank you for helping to keep our 4-H members safe and healthy!

- Any 4-H club meetings or events held indoors: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults. All CDC/health guidance must be followed regarding social distancing at the time of the event or meeting.
- Any 4-H club meeting or event involving youth under 12: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults. Youth must be socially distanced according to CDC guidelines at the time of the meeting or event.
- Any outdoor 4-H club meetings or event: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults if youth under 12 are present. Youth must be socially distanced according to CDC guidelines at the time of the meeting or event.

UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:

All those visiting UMass facilities, including 4-H offices, are required to wear face coverings in all indoor public spaces, including entries, exits, elevators, meeting rooms, restrooms and in all shared offices and work areas. This applies to vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please note that at this time, not all offices are staffed daily. Should you plan to visit one of the 4-H offices, be sure to call first to be sure that the office will be open. Thank you.

State 4-H Office: 100 Venture Way, Suite 334; Hadley MA 01035
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