



Massachusetts 4-H Program

October 2, 2020

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all 4-H families and volunteers throughout the state. Each county 4-H office may add information that is specific to that county or region. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members throughout the state, not matter where you live or what club or group you belong to!

Welcome to the New 4-H Year

Welcome to the 2020-2021 4-H year! The past several months have been challenging and much different than any of us expected them to be. Our program is thriving because of the creative ways our club leaders and staff have found to keep the 4-H programming active .

FEE FOR THIS YEAR ONLY: The fee to enroll has been reduced to \$40 for this year. The deadline for re-enrollment for the \$40 participation fee is December 31. After that date, the enrollment fee doubles to \$80 per member.

We are very aware that families may have financial strains due to circumstances caused by the Corona virus. Fees have been reduced, and families may still apply for waivers. Refer to the 4-H Website for details about how to apply, what evidence needs to be presented, and where to send the waiver https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2020-2021_waiver_of_fee_guidelines_0.pdf Waivers should be submitted and approved before going online to re-enroll. After December 31 full waivers are no longer available for reenrollment.

The participation fee must be paid through the UMass Bookstore at <https://umassexensionbookstore.com/products/87> **The participation fee is not refundable for any reason.**

All returning members will re-enroll in 4honline at <http://ma.4honline.com>. If you are returning you already have a 4-H Online Profile; you do not need to create a new one! Just click "forgot password" and a temporary one will be sent to your email. Once you receive the temporary password, you can re-set it to create your own. Tip sheets on using 4honline are on the 4-H website at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online>. If you do not see your club listed, check with your local educator. We are still obtaining some 2019-2020 club reports which must be returned before a club can re-enroll.

Leaders will need to enter their birthdate this year when updating their profile; this is required by the database system. Without a valid birthdate the system will not recognize you as a valid leader.

New members will need to contact their local 4-H office to enroll. You will receive instructions on how to enter.

Join The Fun:



Many local Halloween events are being cancelled. Instead join Massachusetts 4-H for some virtual Haunted Happenings and Contests!

Watch next week's NewsBlast and MA 4-H Program Facebook page for the details on Halloween contests for 1) Pumpkin Carving 2) Animal Costumes and 3) Scarecrows

|  Clovertober 2020  <small>By The Acton C.R.A.F.T. 4-H Club</small> | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | 1. | 2. | 3. |
| | | | | Food | Slow | Building |
| 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| Plants | Tired | Fan | Old | Time | Sticky | Wild |
| 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. | 16. | 17. |
| Sour | Pumpkin | Music | Shadow | Ocean | Sports | Fire |
| 18. | 19. | 20. | 21. | 22. | 23. | 24. |
| Team | Farm | Vehicle | Furry | Clothing | Dirty | Sight |
| 25. | 26. | 27. | 28. | 29. | 30. | 31. |
| Story | Royalty | Fairy | Icy | Fly | Sweet | Light |



Tag your picture on social media using
#clovertober and #clovertober2020



The Acton CRAFT & Zingers Compact Club has created a "Clovertober" Team. As a way of virtually connecting together, the club has decided they are going to do a simple pen and ink drawing every day for the month of October. The goal was a 10-15 minute sketch with some sort of 4-H theme, hence the "Clovertober" in the name! We are looking forward to seeing all of the #clovertober and #clovertober2020 pictures on social media!

- Create a daily pen drawing based on the Clovertober prompt of the day
- Plan to spend just 10-15 minutes for a simple drawing
- As an added challenge to this 4-H activity, try to include a 4-H theme or feeling
- Take a picture of your drawing, post it on social media, tag your photo #clovertober and #clovertober2020

- As a community service project, include a short note of encouragement with your picture to brighten the days of people in nursing homes, hospitals, and your neighborhood
- Questions? Contact the Acton C.R.A.F.T. 4-H Leader, Elaine Shirron with "Clovertober" in the subject line at ElaineShirron@gmail.com

4-H Volunteers:

4-H 101:

4-H Club Leaders, Advisory Council and Board Members are invited to attend this zoom for 4-H volunteers. This series has for separate series of lessons. Series one starts on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm, and continues weekly through Tuesday October 27. The topics in each series are listed below.

To register contact VaShon Wallace, vwallace@umext.umass.edu or Tom Waskiewicz, waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu by October 1st. You will receive the Zoom link once you register. Feel free to share this information with other 4-H volunteers.

Series 1: Elements and Structure of 4-H- Begins October 6

Lesson 1 Introducing Youth Development – October 6

Lesson 2 The Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development – October 13

Lesson 3 The Organizational Structure and History of 4-H – October 20

Lesson 4 Understanding the Culture of 4-H – October 27

Financial Reports:

Thank you to all who have submitted their annual reports and filed with the IRS! Your local 4-H educator will be reaching out to the few groups who have not yet filed.

Quick Updates

Record Books: Record books will still be judged! You can submit your records by email or regular mail this year. If emailing, scan this year's records only and email them to your local 4-H educator. If mailing, find the address of your local 4-H office at the end of the Newsblast and send a copy of this year's records there. All submissions must be received by midnight, November 30, 2020.

Key Award: The 2020 Key Award application may be submitted by regular mail or by email to your local 4-H educator. The form is available at https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/key_award_application_2020.pdf and is due by midnight, November 30, 2020. If you already mailed in an application, you do not need to re-submit a new form!

Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Online Auction

Time is running out to donate to the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Auction!

Do you have:

- A **special skill** you can share and teach?
- A beautiful artistic piece you've made if you're creative?
- An **extra retail gift card** lying around?
- High-tech product, wine basket, or spa service?

Then consider donating any one of these items to Massachusetts 4-H Foundation's online auction to be held **November 1-15**. Due to this year's financial squeeze of typical donors like restaurants and theaters, we need donations!

How to Donate - 3 Easy Options:

1. Make an **auction donation online**.
2. Email your donations to: lflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org

3. Mail or drop off your auction items to:
Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, 1671 Worcester Road, Suite 403, Framingham, MA 01701

Contact **Laurie Flanagan, Executive Director**, if you have any questions, Phone 508-881-1244.

National 4-H Week October 4-10

National 4-H Week is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers. This year's theme for National 4-H Week (October 4-10) is Opportunity4All. Visit the [4-H Marketing Online Resource Center](#) to download the promotional toolkit.

4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe every youth should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every youth should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

Here are some ideas for you to participate in 4-H Week; check the Massachusetts 4-H Facebook page daily for some ideas!

Your 4-H Story: To begin National 4-H Week, Massachusetts 4-H is launching Your 4-H Story. We encourage you to share your particular story about what 4-H has inspired you to do. Who or what inspired you? What were you experiencing? Consider emotions, energy, optimism, challenges, accomplishments, knowledge gained, skills learned, role models, disappointments, and support from leaders, family and friends. The story can be any length. We encourage you to include up to four pictures with your story. Be sure to add a short caption to each. Your 4-H Story can be the one you include with your 4-H Record or an entirely separate one – your choice!

We will feature 4-H stories and photos throughout the year in 2021! To enter, email your 4-H story and pictures to Tom Waskiewicz at waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu by November 30.



Families who take part in the 2020 STEM Challenge in October may qualify for a reimbursement from Massachusetts 4-H for your purchase! To obtain a reimbursement, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be fully enrolled for the new 2020-2021 4-H Year by November 30. This includes all fees being paid
- Conduct the 2020 STEM Challenge using the kit in your home.
- Submit a photo or two of your family and 4-H member(s) conducting some portion of the experiment
- Complete a short survey
- Submit your invoice for the cost of the kit. Shipping will not be reimbursed; only the cost of the kit.

Online Programs

NEW: SET Virtual Program

Lauren DuBois, Springfield Educator and Kim Pond, State SET Educator, have teamed up to lead a Bitmoji classroom with a focus on Science, Engineering and Technology. During the month of October, they will be providing weekly activities that connect with the 2020 SET Challenge "Mars Bound" for an out of this world experience!

The Kick Off will take place on October 5 in the interactive classroom. The classroom will be open to 4-H youth of all ages; however, the content and hands-on activities will target youth in grades 4 through 7. There will be 4 main activities offered each week of the month. In addition, there will be supplemental activities, videos and challenges to try. Watch for our "Moo the dog Mascot" to make an appearance. To register: email Lauren DuBois



at ldubois@umext.umass.edu to let her know you are interested. Once registered you will receive the google classroom code on Monday, Oct. 5th, 2020.

Animal and Agricultural Storytime - Tuesdays at 11:30AM - Live on Facebook

Come listen to an agricultural or animal story live on Plymouth County 4-H Facebook page each Tuesday.
<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthcountyma4h>

What to Do with All those 4-H Ribbons? October 15th 7 pm

Join us to see ways to show off your ribbons from 4-H, and your project animals. Pre-register by email. 774-404-7020 or acampora@umext.umass.edu. Instructors: Cathy Acampora and Lauren Dubois

Let's Get Cooking - October 19-30 M,W,F 4:30-5:30 pm

6 Week basic cooking program \$25 Learn about kitchen safety, tools in the kitchen, oven baking, reading a recipe and more. Each week you will be given a shopping list so you can cook along. Pre-Registration required by Oct 1 Register at <https://plymouthcounty4h.org/4-h-lets-get-cooking> Instructor: Harley Anne Hamilton

Animal Science Programs:

MA 4-H Rabbit Advisory Zoom on October 6th — 7:00pm. Contact Carrie Sears for the link!

Animal Biosecurity Learning Module:

For both adults and youth - Learn what steps you can make to your farm or barn area to help prevent disease transmission. This is a series that once you complete, you will receive a Certificate of Completion.

<https://www.healthyagriculture.org/training/youth-4h-ffa/biosecurity-learning-modules/?fbclid=IwAR1JzRCBu5pDY3BZZHf49bnODD4WLqITD-LJw-4a15LGzgUilyDjKEaDos>

Livestock and Pets – Weeds & Plants to Beware of!

Do you know how to identify weeds and plants, especially if they are poisonous to animals? Here are two resources for you to check-out on your own to see which ones can harm your pets and livestock

- <https://poisonousplants.ansci.cornell.edu/php/plants.php...>
- <https://poisonousplants.ansci.cornell.edu/dogs/index.html>

Rabbit and Cavy 4-H Survey

The Rabbit Advisory would like your input into the 2021 MA 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop as well as other classes that you would like to see offered. Please take a few minutes to take the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJ8ZLVD>

Horse Academy – November 2020

Due to national in-person horse contests being cancelled, virtual educational workshops will be held in their place from November 1-19, 2020. This is a great opportunity to learn from national judges and coaches and to help you prepare for future state and national horse contests. The Horse Academy is being sponsored by the National 4-H Roundup Committee.

IMPORTANT: The State 4-H Horse Advisory has generously offered to pay the registration fee for youth and volunteers plus coaches who want to participate in the workshops. Workshops range from \$5-\$10. **Please email Carrie Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu by September 26th** if you plan on participating and your workshop choice(s) since it will be a first come – first served basis. The deadline for registering is October 12th, but we want to make sure to have a list of approved youth prior to this deadline. Youth need to be active 4-H members or currently reenrolling.

On-line Quiz Bowl Platform

Clubs have the opportunity to practice knowledge questions on-line by using the free platform - Buzzinlive <https://buzzin.live/> Up to 8 players can participate via Zoom. Easy to use and no limits on the amount of times you can play.

Career Exploration Zoom Series

Talk with an expert and find out what it takes to become involved in specific careers. This popular series will take part every other week. The next session will be held on October 7th. Upcoming speakers are highlighted in the chart below. Everyone is welcome to attend, no matter your age or project area, Invite a friend to attend too; all are welcome! To obtain the Zoom link, contact Angelica Paredes at angelica@umext.umass.edu with: session date, youth name, club/school, County. Please add the state you live in if outside of Massachusetts!

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| OCTOBER 7 | Ron Schreier NFL Films | Senior Audio Mix Engineer, NFL Films Ron has worked in recording studios, mixed live concerts, designed sound systems and is currently working as a senior audio engineer for NFL Films. His recent assignments include mixing Good Morning Football on NFL Network and Hard Knocks on HBO. He has won three Emmy awards and has been nominated eight times. Ron started as a freelance studio recording engineer, transitioned to live sound and location recording. Using his network of clients, he landed freelance work at NFL Films and two years later was offered a full-time position. This will be his 19 th season as a full-time audio engineer at NFL Films. Along with discussing his career path, what the true meaning of a “dream Job” is; it’s not what you think. He’ll also discuss working in the Film and Television industry and the importance of finding work that meets all of your life’s expectations. |
| OCTOBER 21 | Alexander Daugherty, J.D. Probation Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts | Dr. Daugherty has worked as a Probation Officer for 23 years. His first 18 years were as a juvenile Probation Officer; currently he supervises adults on probation for criminal charges. In his role as Probation Officer he takes part in every aspect of a person’s involvement with the courts, from paperwork to home visits to court appearances. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Alex teaches classes in Criminal Justice. Prior to working in the court system, he worked on legal issues within several different facets of housing, from title searches to adjudicating over housing disputes. |
| NOVEMBER 4 | Dr. Robert Welton & Ashley Lantz Western Regional Office of the Chief Medical Examiner | Dr. Welton is a medical examiner at the Western Regional Office of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. He received his BS and MS in biological sciences from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, PhD in biology from Boston College, MPH in epidemiology and biostatistics from Boston University School of Public Health, and his MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed his intern year in anesthesiology at the University of Illinois Medical Center, followed by a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Baystate Medical Center and a fellowship in forensic pathology at the Massachusetts Office of the Chief Examiner. He is currently board certified in Public Health and has been at the Chief Medical Examiner’s Office for almost seven years. Ashely Lantz is a Medicolegal Investigator at the Western Regional Office of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Massachusetts. She has a BA in anthropology with a minor in biology from Hartwick College and then received her MA with a focus in forensic anthropology from The George Washington University. She has worked at the Medical Examiner’s Office for nearly ten years as a Medical Examiner Assistant, Office Support Specialist and now a Medicolegal Investigator. She participated in her first autopsy as a Clinical Pathology Assistant during college and completed an internship and coursework at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. while in graduate school. |
| NOVEMBER 18 | Dan Weissbrodt Master Puppeteer-Artist-Designer-Vocal Actor, Extraordinaire! | Dan Weissbrodt is currently with The Walt Disney Company under Disney Creative/Character Programming and Development. He is currently a puppet master/specialist, and programmer for Disney Cruise Line, Walt Disney Parks Live Entertainment, and Disney Creative Operations. Dan is also an award-winning television, film, theater performer, creative mind, puppeteer, and manager, who has received accolades for his work with such organizations as The Walt Disney Company, Children’s Television Workshop, The Williamstown Theatre Festival, Disney+, Saturday Night Live, and The Moscow Ballet. He has an extensive decorating, design and fabrication background. His project design, and management highlights include the Fêtes de Noël in NYC’s Bryant Park, award-winning Christmas windows (including the Macy’s and Lord & Taylor displays), and numerous domestic and international productions. He views himself as a perennial teacher and student, and welcomes all opportunities that will further enrich his abilities. While his work has taken him around the globe, Weissbrodt is currently splitting time between North Adams, Ma. and Winter Garden, Florida |



Fall Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company will hold the fall paper clover campaign from October 7-18. This year no in-store participation from 4-H clubs or members is allowed. However, check with your local store to see if they will allow a static exhibit for 4-H! During this campaign, TSC is matching all purchases made with the TSC credit card as well! Let your local 4-H office know if you put up a display or have a photo of a 4-H display at your local store! We would love to share that with others!

Science Resources From PBS

Bring Science and Engineering to Life:

Help middle and high school students understand the real world application of science and engineering concepts with short videos on shape-shifting robots, 3-D mapping, and deep ocean exploration.

[View the Collection](#)

Start an Engineering Invention Club

This guide takes you through the process of running a 6-week version of a Design Squad Global Club for middle school age students, which includes a welcome session, 4 hands-on activity sessions, and a party to celebrate at the end! Go to <https://cptv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/dsg16-sci-6weekguide/6-week-dsg-club-guide/>



4-H Office Contacts:

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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Massachusetts 4-H is an extension program at the University of Massachusetts. UMass 4-H follows the Massachusetts Governor's regulations for the re-opening of the state as well as the governance of the University of Massachusetts. Although guidelines for numbers of people who can gather have relaxed a bit for the state, the University guidance still states that no in-person 4-H meetings or activities are to take place at this time. This means our clubs and groups still may not meet in person. We will continue to monitor the situation and will allow in-person club meetings and activities to occur when university guidelines have been completed. We hope that your groups will continue to meet virtually and use some of the many programs, contests, and links that we have to offer online.



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