



UMass Extension 4-H Program

September 10, 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/>

Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

4-H members and adult volunteers need to reenroll via 4honline.

1. Log in and re-enroll all members and adult volunteers in your family by visiting v2.4honline.com (You can also find a button for 4honline on the homepage of our website.)
2. All current 4-H members and volunteers already have a profile. If you do not remember the email you used to register your family or it has changed just let your office know and it can be updated or sent to you. Also check to see that your Code of Conduct is completed.
3. Please check your projects and clubs listed.
 - a. Only list a project once (Select the club associated best with that project)
 - b. You cannot be in the same project area in two different clubs, counties or states.
For example: Sally is in a General Science club and a Rabbit club. She can do community service and leadership in both clubs, but if doing Leadership as a project should select the one that works best. She may decide to do Rabbits, Veterinary Science and Leadership in the Rabbit Club, but would not also list them in her General Science Club.
4. Once you re-enroll follow the direction on accessing the "Membership Payment" portion for MA 4-H to complete the process.
5. If you have new family members to add or are new to 4-H reach out to the local office for the required paperwork and process. (You can find your local office at the end of the newsblast.)
6. There are some resources under 4honline in the "about" section on our website, but also watch for upcoming zoom sessions and open houses.
7. *NOTE: If you do not see your club listed it is likely that their end of year reports are still in process of getting submitted and approved so check with the leader. or local educator. Clubs should not be meeting until their materials are submitted and they are approved for the new year.

Online 4-H Volunteer Training

This nine part 4-H 101 series will be held on Zoom starting on September 15 on Wednesday evenings. Discussions will focus on methods of delivering 4-H programs and managing 4-H clubs. Resources that will be shared include "Introduction to Youth Development", "The Essentials Elements", and "Understanding 4-H Culture". Participating in 4-H 101 will allow volunteers and parents to meet and share ideas for enhancing 4-H Club programs. Current 4-H volunteers and parents are all welcome to join the sessions

Dates to mark are: September 15-November 3, 7:00-8:00 P.M. Click on this link to register: <http://forms.gle/Tu5zru4u2FoA4q3Z6>

Contact VaShon Hiltbold at vwallace@umass.edu with questions.

Making the Connection: Home Schooling & 4-H

Join this program connecting Home School and 4-H! Participants will get a chance to learn all about the UMass Extension 4-H program, hear from 4-H volunteers that conduct home school programs, learn about 4-H curriculum, and hear from 4-H members that are home schooled. See how 4-H and home schooling can connect with joining or creating clubs and taking part in programs. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/2XP9rd9>

The Information Session will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7:00 PM on Zoom

ANIMAL SCIENCE

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

September 13 – 7pm - League of Protein Producers

The Big E, West Springfield, MA – September 17-October 3.

Website – www.thebige.com

If you plan to visit the Big E, UMass 4-H members will be competing in contests/competitions on these dates; go and say hello!

Saturday, September 18 – 4-H Day at the Fair

MA 4-H Dairy members will be competing in the Mallary Arena 1

9:00am – Quiz Bowl

5:30pm – Grilled Cheese and Milk Shake Contests

September 27th – MA 4-H Beef youth will be exhibiting their project steers and selling them in the Mallary Arena 1

10:30am – Steer Show

6:00pm – Beef Sale

October 2nd – MA 4-H Sheep and Goat members will be competing in educational displays, demos, judging, quiz bowl and lamb burger cook-off.

11:00 am - Skill-a-Thon -Mallary - Ring #3

1:00 pm - Quiz Bowl -Mallary Arena 1

3:00 pm - Lamb Burger Cook-Off -Mallary Ring #3

Goat Contests – To be held in the Mallary Complex

9:30-11:00 am - Dairy Goat Judging Contest

11:00am - Judging Educational Displays

11:00 – 3:00pm – Demonstrations

October 3rd - MA 4-H Dog youth will be at the fair in the Mallary Arena 1

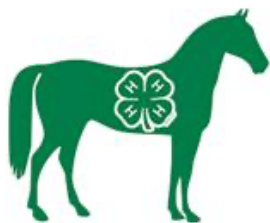
9:30-11:30 am - 4-H Dog Showmanship

12:00-3:00 pm - 4-H Dog Obedience

Resource Materials for 4-H Horse Leaders and Members

The New England 4-H Horse Rulebook along with other resource materials for knowledge contests and shows is available on the MA 4-H website at

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/horses>



The New England 4-H Horse Rulebook is our main resource to help leaders if their members have questions regarding tack or even if they plan on holding a horse show. Also on the page is a list of certified 4-H judges, Show Steward/Manager Report, Insurance Requirements for Horse Events plus resources for Hippology, Horse Bowl and Horse Judging contests.

We will be holding in October, Zoom sessions going over the horse program, materials and answer any questions that you may have. Watch next week's Newsblast for details.

Topsfield Fair 4-H and Open Horse Show

Entries are open for this fun show that is being held on October 9, 2021 at Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, MA. Entry information

- <https://www.topsfieldfair.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/4-H-and-Youth-Horse-Show-Handbook-Entry-Form.pdf>

“The Year Without a Summer: 4-H Projects in a Pandemic”

4-H members who participated in the Spinning Stories pilot program will have their art and writing submissions printed in UMass Extension 4-H's first literary magazine. Each 4-H member who is published will receive a complimentary copy! The magazine will be available during National 4-H week in October. Watch for your chance to order one.

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!

September 22	Joyce Ward, Director Juan Valentin, Education Program Advisor United States Patent & Trademark Office, Department of Education Registration link: https://bit.ly/2WtgDv3	Joyce is the Director of the Office of Education for the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Her work includes providing educational experiences for K12 educators and students that integrate knowledge of invention, innovation, entrepreneurship, and STEM. Her office encourages the creation and protection of intellectual property. Juan Valentin is an Education Program Advisor in the Office of Education at the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he is responsible for the development and implementation of educational projects of national and international scope, with a particular emphasis on directing and coordinating the development of STEM, design-thinking, or invention-focused projects infused with intellectual property (IP) concepts.
October 6	John Crocker	John Crocker is the Director for the Methuen Public Schools Counseling Department. Mr. Crocker founded the Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium (MASMHC), a group of approximately one-hundred and fifty school

	<p>Director of School Mental Health & Behavioral Services, Methuen Public Schools Founder & Director, Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium (MASMHC)</p> <p>Registration Link: https://bit.ly/3jgtsBE</p>	<p>districts across Massachusetts committed to advocating for and implementing quality and sustainable school mental health services and supports</p>
October 20	<p>Mara Breen, PhD</p> <p>Associate Professor of Psychology Mount Holyoke College</p> <p>Registration Link: https://bit.ly/3COW8Fx</p>	<p>Mara Breen is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Mount Holyoke College. She holds a B.A. from Hampshire College and a Ph.D. in Cognitive Science from MIT. She teaches courses in Psychology, Neuroscience, Linguistics, and Music Cognition. In her research, she uses brain imaging methods to explore how the musical aspects of language (pitch and rhythm) help children learn to read.</p>
November 3	<p>Richard Harper, PhD</p> <p>Extension Associate Professor of Urban & Community Forestry</p> <p>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</p> <p>Registration Link: https://bit.ly/2YIUXMw</p>	<p>Richard W. Harper, PhD, is an Extension Associate Professor of Urban & Community Forestry @ the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Rick is a Past-President of the International Society of Arboriculture - New England Chapter (NEC ISA) and is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. He currently teaches courses in urban & community forestry and human dimensions of natural resources and administers an applied integrated research and extension program in urban forestry. He received his Ph.D. in Forest Resources-Arboriculture from UMass, an MS in Entomology from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He is a recipient of ISA's 'Early Career Scientist' award and the 'Public Education Award' from Tree Canada.</p>

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

The statewide UMass 4-H Program community service project kicks 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>



4-H clubs or members can still plan and conduct their own community service projects!

UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:

The State and Western Massachusetts 4-H office is located at 100 Venture Way, Suite 334, Hadley MA 01035

The Northeast 4-H office is located at UMass Mt. Ida Campus, Hallden Hall, 100 Carlson Avenue, Newton MA 02459

The Plymouth County 4-H office is located at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth MA 02360

The Barnstable County 4-H office is located at PO Box 367, Barnstable MA 02630

The Worcester and Walpole offices are currently moving and will be relocating to Auburn!

It is best to reach out to your local office by email. Phone numbers are available at the 4-H Website

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

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